

LEARNING FROM FAILURE

WDJD? – What DID Jesus Do? – Part 10 of 10

John 21:1-19

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WHAT DID JESUS SAY AND DO?

1. Jesus led His empty-handed disciples to a giant catch of fish.

“Men,” Jesus called to them, “you don’t have any fish do you?” “No,” they answered. “Cast the net on the right side of the boat,” He told them, “and you’ll find some.” So they did, and they were unable to haul it in because of the large number of fish. – John 21:5-6 HCSB

2. Jesus fed His disciples and had them contribute to the meal.

When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread. “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. – John 21:9-10 NLT

3. Jesus confronted Peter’s claim of loving Jesus more than the others did.

When they finished eating, Jesus said, to Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these other men love me?” -- John 21:15 ERV

4. Jesus instructed Peter to feed and shepherd His sheep.

“Shepherd My sheep,” He told him.... “Feed my sheep,” Jesus said. – John 21:16-17 HCSB

5. Jesus warned Peter of the high cost of obedience.

“I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.” – John 21:18-19 NLT

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM WHAT JESUS SAID AND DID?

1. If we depend on Jesus, we are fruitful; apart from Jesus, we can do nothing.

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit. But separated from me you won’t be able to do anything.” – John 15:5 ERV

2. Followers of Jesus need to be fed by others and feeding themselves.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. – 2 Tim. 2:15 KJV

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God’s word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. – Hebrews 5:12 NLT

3. Our pride and self-confidence must be broken before God will greatly use us.

God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. – James 4:6 NIV

“Whoever makes himself great will be made humble. Whoever makes himself humble will be made great.” – Matt. 23:12 NCV

4. We actively love Jesus by serving others in His name.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40 NIV

Now I have something to say to the elders in your group. I also am an elder.... I beg you to take care of the group of people you are responsible for. They are God’s flock. Watch over that flock....Do it because you are happy to serve.... Be good examples to them. – 1 Peter 5:1-3 ERV

5. Obedience to Jesus is extremely costly and wonderfully rewarding.

Then Jesus said to his followers, “If any of you want to be my follower, you must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me.” – Matt. 16:24 ERV

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, all those who have left brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms for me and for the Good News will get more than they left. Here in this world they will have a hundred times more homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields. And with those things, they will also suffer for their belief. But in this age, they will have life forever.” – Mark 10:29-30 NCV