

**MEN'S LIFE BLOOMINGTON & GOD @ WORK**  
**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 – Theme: FAILURE**

## **Winning Back His Disciples**

**John 20:24 – 21:19**

**Segment:**

- Jesus appears to his disciples as a group
- Jesus wins back Thomas
- Jesus appears to his disciples as they fish
- Jesus prepares breakfast
- Jesus wins back Peter

**Segment Questions:**

- What about Thomas' emotional or spiritual state may have been exposed by his doubts?
- What would have raced through your mind if you were Thomas when Jesus appeared? Faith is dynamic, moving forward or in reverse. Where does renewed faith lead Thomas?
- What would be going through your mind after all that has happened: the Cross, the tomb, seeing Jesus, Jesus saying to meet Him in Galilee, and now Jesus doesn't show? Peter's response was to go fishing. Do you think this is normal? What prompted it?
- How do you think the disciples were feeling as they were quitting for the night? How would you have responded to some guy calling from shore in that moment? What lesson did Jesus know that the fisherman needed to relearn?
- What thoughts and emotions might they have had as Jesus invited them to "Come and eat"? What might Peter have been feeling when Jesus called him away for unfinished business?
- What might be the purpose(s) of Jesus questioning Peter, and even bringing him to grief?

**Action Questions:**

- Has there been a time when you felt stuck in doubt and wanted more in your faith? What can or did you do to move forward?
- Why do you find it hard at times to wait on or depend on Jesus? Based on the fishing/breakfast section, what needs to change or be different in your faith?
- In honest reflection, what are some of the "These" in your life that have the potential to steal your love from God? How do you protect yourself from unconscious idolatry?

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Thomas wasn't with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. So they found him and said, "Thomas, we've seen the Lord! He's alive!"

Thomas didn't believe them and said the only way he would believe is if he could feel the nail scars and touch his side where he was stabbed.

Eight days later, Jesus suddenly appeared to the disciples, and Thomas was with them. The Lord greeted them and then asked Thomas to come and touch the scars and feel his side.

Thomas fell to his knees. "My Lord and my God!"

Sometime later, a few of the disciples were at the Sea of Galilee. Peter said he was going fishing and asked the others to join him, which they did.

They went out in a boat and fished all night, but didn't catch anything. In the dim of early morning, a man stood on shore and asked, "Have you caught any fish?"

When they replied that they had not, he instructed them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. When they did, the net was full of fish. John said to Peter that it is the Lord. When Peter heard this, he wrapped his clothes around him, jumped into the water, and swam for shore. The others came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish.

Once they got there, they saw Jesus cooking bread and fish over a fire. He turned and said, "Bring me some more fish." Peter helped the others haul in the net, which had 153 large fish.

Once everything was ready, Jesus said, "Come and eat." They gathered around and he gave them bread and fish.

When they were done eating, Jesus said, "Simon, do you love me more than these?"

Peter was surprised by the question, "Yes, Lord. I love you."

"Then feed my lambs."

He asked a second time, "Simon, do you love me?"

"Yes Lord, you know I love you." "Then feed my sheep."

A third time Jesus asked the question.

"Simon, do you love me?"

Peter was grieved by this question. He said,

"Lord you know all things. You know I love you."

Then Jesus said, "Follow me!"