

**Problem:**

*we are haunted by our failures, our inadequacies, our halfheartedness - our unworthiness  
em bounds on prayer - failure after failure to live up to it. I almost quit my pursuit - until i  
remembered Peter - who fell asleep when he was supposed to pray, who always had his foot in  
his mouth, who denied Jesus three times right after claiming to love Jesus more than anyone  
else.*

**Main Idea:**

*Christ revealed Himself... again  
through a familiar miracle  
around a familiar fire  
for a familiar follower  
To show that from His glory we have all received grace upon grace (Jn 1:16)*

**Text:****Christ revealed Himself...again**

John 21:1 ¶ After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and **he revealed himself in this way.**

*glory-> Jn 20:19, 26*

**Through a familiar miracle**

John 21:2 Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

John 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

John 21:4 ¶ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

John 21:5 Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No."

John 21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

John 21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (religious greeting- formality), for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:8 The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

*familiar glory - Luke 5:1-11 -> follow me -> (Jn 21:19)*

**Around a familiar fire**

John 21:9 ¶ When they got out on land, **they saw a charcoal fire** in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

John 21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

John 21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. *(sudden strength - contrast verse 6)*

John 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

John 21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.

John 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

John 21:15 ¶ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, **do you love (agape) me more than these?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love (phileo) you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21:16 He said to him a second time, **"Simon, son of John, do you love (agape) me?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love (phileo) you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

John 21:17 He said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of John, do you love (phileo) me?”** Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love (phileo) me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love (phileo) you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

*(9) familiar glory - Jn 6:11-12 (their catch does not feed Christ - He feeds them)*

*(9) familiar charcoal fire - Jn 18:15-18; 25-27 and three denials*

*Luke 22:60-62 - Jesus look at him*

*(15) now shows grace - more than these - Matt 26:33-35 - agape - Peter's "lesser love" is enough...feed my sheep*

### **For a familiar follower**

John 21:18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.”

John 21:19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, **“Follow me.”**

John 21:20 ¶ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?”

John 21:21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?”

John 21:22 Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? **You follow me!**”

John 21:23 So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

*familiar glory - Matt 16:13-25 - you are Peter - still unstable yet called the rock*

*Go tell disciples and Peter - Mk 16:7*

*now shows grace - Jn 15:12-16 - He chose us - - Peter the unstable man is the rock because of Christ*

### **To show that from His glory we have all received grace upon grace**

John 21:24 ¶ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

John 21:25 ¶ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

*testimony about what? He already ended showing us His glory - Jn Jn 12:16, 33; 13:31 20:30*

*here he shows us that the glory of Christ shows us - grace upon grace - Jn 1:14-17*

### **Implication:**

*Matt 22:35-40 -*

*this is law - “do you really love Him? - you will fail the test*

### **Application:**

*-Gen 22:1-2 -> Jn 3:16*

*this is grace - “does He really love me? - He has passed the test*

*1 Jn 4:16-19 - its His love that matters*

*Heb 12:1-2 - look to the author and perfecter of our faith and run the race*

*Articles for further study:*

<http://www.raystedman.org/daily-devotions/john-1to12/grace-upon-grace>

<http://www.gotquestions.org/author-perfecter-faith.html>