



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Breakfast and Grace
Speaker: Richard Villodas, Lead Pastor
Scripture: John 21:1-14

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

John 21:1-14 (NIV)

Sermon Outline:

In this story the disciples are fishing and are not able to catch any fish. As Jesus was watching them, he asks them if they have caught any fish? They say no to Him and He tells them where to put the fishing net to catch fish. John realized it was the Lord who was speaking to them. As soon as Peter heard this, he wrapped his robe around himself, jumped into the water and swam to Jesus, while the rest of the disciples rode in boat to shore. When they arrived at the shore, they realize that Jesus has already made them a breakfast of fish and bread. Jesus's most written about miracles centered around food, before He died He had a meal with his disciples and on His return He invites the disciples for breakfast

The disciples weren't looking for Jesus, they were looking for fish. Jesus was looking for them and found them. Before the resurrection, the disciples always knew where Jesus would be, and could find Him no matter where he was. Even though they knew that Jesus was back from the dead, the disciples didn't know when or where he would show up, not know when they would encounter Him next.

Jesus showed up and was present to the disciples in the ordinary, just as He does with all of us during this Covid-19 pandemic. Jesus finds us and claims us for his own. He is on the loose and looking for us, for you - whether you are at home cleaning your floor, cooking a meal, working at your desk, helping your children with schoolwork or shopping for food.

Jesus Christ offers us generous forgiveness. He invited people to breakfast who, a few days prior, abandoned him and lied about Him. This is a powerful and beautiful example of grace, reinforcing what He taught the disciples before His death. We have a cause and effect relationship with God (if I do good, I will be blessed and if I don't do

good things, I will be punished). Know that you are loved by God and that God has already judged us through Christ, not by our actions.

Jesus Christ offers us gracious friendship. Jesus can't be without his friends and He can't get enough of them or you. He longs to be with you and can't be apart from you, offering us gracious friendship. When we come to pray God is thrilled that you are there.

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus's offer of breakfast never ends, it is available at any time of the day. Anytime you need his forgiveness and friendship it is available to you, every single day of the year. Come have breakfast means your failures cannot separate you from the Love of God. The invitation for you is to keep on coming to Him.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Lead Pastor Richard Villodas, preaches on one of the encounters Jesus had with his disciples after the resurrection - Jesus offers them breakfast.

Sermon Questions:

1. How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? What words resonate with you? Why?
2. In your family of origin, what did punishment look like? How was it balanced with forgiveness and grace? Were certain people judged differently both good and bad?
3. After a few days of being rejected by His closest friends Jesus invites them for breakfast. How do you treat those who wrong you?
4. Who in your life have you offered gracious friendship to? That even though you have been hurt or wronged you have offered forgiveness? What allows you to offer it to some but not to others?
5. What would it look like for you to stop this week and have breakfast with God? Set time aside to accept His grace, friendship and forgiveness.