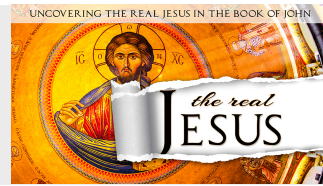


# Back to the Future

The Real Jesus - Part 63 John 21  
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*John 21:17 & 21 Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep"... 21 You must follow me."*

## 1. Restored to Serve

From the beginning of creation, God's purpose for humanity was to represent Him and his rule in a way that honored Him. Even after sin enters into the world - God's good purpose for humans never changes. Genesis 12 gives us a clear picture of God's desire for humans to represent Him. God reveals Himself to Abraham and tells him he is going to have a unique relationship with him and will be blessed by Him. Now God tells Abraham that this gift is not just for Abraham to enjoy, but so that he can pass this gift along to others!

Likewise Jesus gifted Peter with a unique relationship and opportunity. Even when Peter seems to ruin it, Jesus offers Peter restoration. With the restoration, Jesus reminds Peter of the continued purpose to bless & serve others!

God offers you and I restoration as well! Just like Abraham and Peter, God has a unique role for you to serve and bless others!

**"Follow me!"** Three years earlier, along the same lake, Jesus had said the same words to Peter 'follow me'.

**Following Jesus is not a start. Rather it is a lifelong walk of faith.** Jesus' constant invitation reminds us not to think as often about where we are or where we're going but rather to think continually about how well we are following him right now. -Life Application Commentary: John pg. 408

## 2. A Common Obstacle

God gave you a unique set of gifts and circle of influence. He has a mission for you! **Comparing ourselves to others, what they have, what they have accomplished, how they look can easily compromise your focus on who God made you to be** and the mission He has for you!

*John 21:21-22 When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."*

*Galatians 6:4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else*

## 3. Come Follow, Keep Following.

**Back to** the Sea of Galilee where Jesus first invited this group of fisherman to follow him. He reminds them that the original invitation is also the path into **the future: follow Him**



### Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. Considering the season of life you are in right now, what person(s) do you believe God has called you to serve? What resources do you currently have that you can bless/serve others with?
3. As we wrap up the book of John, what part has most impacted you? How? As we look forward to starting the book of Acts next week, what are some of your favorite parts from it?

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