

1. **GOD LOVES YOU** and wants you to have **eternal life with Him**.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

But most people aren't experiencing a meaningful life and aren't sure that they have eternal life because...

2. Man has a **SIN problem** which **SEPARATES** him from GOD. Every one has sinned.

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

3. The **good news** is that **JESUS CHRIST** is God's **solution** to your sin problem. He is the **ONLY way** to heaven.

1 Peter 3:18 "For Christ also died for sins once and for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God..."

4. Therefore you must **REPENT** of your sins and place your **FAITH** in **JESUS alone** to **save** you.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

5. Upon believing and receiving Jesus, you have a **NEW LIFE** with complete assurance of **SALVATION**.

1 John 5:13 "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."



Not Forsaken Amidst Uncertainties and Failures (John 21:1-14) Last week's message

Are failures and disappointments holding you hostage from living a meaningful and purposeful life? Are you still living in the past, stuck in your failures?

The disciples of Jesus were no strangers to failure. Their faith was not perfect, and they, with the exception of John, abandoned Jesus. The disciples still would have struggled with the guilt of failure, especially for Peter who denied him three times, and uncertainty. Despite this, Jesus has never forsaken them. Though they left him, he kept watch over them and provided for them.

1. The disciples' uncertainties and failures. (vv. 1-4a)

Seven of the eleven disciples gathered in Galilee; Peter, the sons of Zebedee – John and James who were fishermen by trade, Nathanael and the two other disciples (ch 21). Thomas was the only odd guy in the group since he was neither a fisherman by trade nor a local of Galilee.

Jesus had called them to become fishers of men, and yet Peter and the disciples may have been drawn back to their former way of life – to fishing- *"Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone"* (John 16:32). But Jesus also spoke of not so encouraging news: they will surely face persecution. Jesus said that *they will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.*" (16:1-4). So the uncertainties of Jesus leaving them and the coming persecution were real.

These were experienced and professional fishermen and they toiled all night but caught nothing. At day break, the Lord of creation directed significant number of the fishes to linger at the right side of their boat

There are some of us today who are grappling with our own uncertainties and failures and are tempted to go back to our former way of life - a life of self-effort, a life of self-sufficiency, a life of autonomy to do as one pleases, a life marked by the motto – I am the master of my soul.

2. He watches those whom he loves. (vv. 4b-8)

At day break, Jesus stood on the shore, yet the disciples did not know that it was he, except for John who immediately recognized the Lord Jesus. The Greek construction of Jesus' question to the disciples, as they approached the shore, is: "Children, you do not have any fish, do you?" Jesus knew they had not caught anything, and wanted them to realize their insufficiency.

The men did what they were told to do and as a result, they were not able to haul the net because of the large quantity of fish. Though the disciples were not seeing Jesus in person, Jesus' eyes had always been on them. Jesus himself affirmed to his disciples that he would *always be with them to the end of the age.* (Matt. 28:18-20)

3. He never ceased to care and provide for his own. (vv. 9-14)

Jesus knew that the men had very little sleep, if any. He not only directed a huge number of fish to go where their boat was, Jesus got breakfast ready for them. Imagine the One who created the Universe – the One through whom all things were made - taking time to make breakfast for these seven guys who were grappling with uncertainties and failures. Jesus got the fish and bread ready on the charcoal. They really didn't need to do anything!



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Worship service on June 11, 2017, will be held at Charis Camp and Convention Center, Chilliwack, during our IDR Family Camp. There won't be a service at Douglas College for that day.

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- Call to worship
- Praise and worship
- Children dismissal
- Announcements
- Sermon
- *Communion*
- Response song
- Benediction



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