



John 21:1-19

Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two other disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter told them, “I’m going fishing.”

They said, “We’ll go with you.” They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn’t realize it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.”

⁶ He said, “Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn’t haul in the net. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren’t far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you’ve just caught.” ¹¹ Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn’t torn, even with so many fish. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”

¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Simon replied, “Yes, Lord, you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷ He asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, “Do you love me?” He replied, “Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, “Follow me.”

Message Notes:

In your (money) story:

- _____ is big enough to find you _____
_____ (vs. 3-6)
- Jesus extends to _____ in _____ (vs. 12-13, 15-17) and _____ (vs. 19b)

For Reflection

1. Where do you see God’s abundance poured out to the disciples in this text? Where do you see God’s restoration?
2. Transitioning to reflecting on your own life, write a list of the words you would use to honestly describe your current money story.
3. Thinking about what in your story needs God’s restoration, write a list of the words you *want* to describe your money story. Where is there overlap in your two lists? Where is there disconnect?
4. Now list the concrete actions you (and maybe even Wellspring) could take to live into God’s economy of

abundance and restoration, as seen in our passages in this series as well as elsewhere in scripture. Start with identifying small concrete actions, for you need small wins to grow! Share your findings with a conversation partner. *(To help you answer this question you can review the following texts we used in our money story series)*

Remember Luke 11:1-14

Release Luke 12:13-21

Reimagine Luke 13:10-17

Reinvest Luke 16:1-14

Return Luke 18:18-30

Restore John 21:1-19

Pray: *If you can, practice holding your hands open to God in prayer as a symbol of being open to God's invitations.*

Take a deep breath in. As you exhale, release to God anything in your money story that needs God's restoration. Take another deep breath in. As you exhale, remember God's abundance and power to restore, evident and even now at work in Jesus' resurrection. Breathe in and out, releasing and remembering as many times as needed.