

Pastor Sam Devine April 24, 2022 This Same Jesus

□ John 21:1-14

Peter and the other unlikely disciples experience failure in their failure.

We cannot fix the emotions of failure with the emotions of success.

The same Jesus who met us in the times we got things right is the same Jesus who meets us when we get things wrong.

We need a Saviour who has been wounded Himself and who heals by His grace.

Jesus takes the initiative to reach out to Peter and the other unlikely disciples in their failure.

This same Jesus is still the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninetynine to find the one sheep that has gone astray.

Jesus is still the same source of life. He is still Lord even when we fail Him.

Jesus invites us back to a life of dependence, a life of forgiveness, a life of grace and a life of purpose.

Jesus invites Peter and the other disciples to breakfast so that He can serve and heal them.

This Jesus who shared the last supper with them before Peter's denial is the same Jesus who prepared a cooked breakfast on the beach!

This meal on the beach spoke volumes: I am still here. I still love you. I still want you. I am still serving you. Eat and be satisfied in Me. No shame. No blame. Just Jesus. Just grace.

Jesus doesn't condescendingly serve, He humbly invites them to participate!

Failure is not final when we run to Jesus.

Only Jesus transforms failures into blessings.

Questions for Reflection:

- Are you willing to accept Jesus' invitation to breakfast and the intimacy of communion with Him?
- Are you willing to humbly serve others in ways that they don't expect?