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Bible Study

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which
are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*
(2 Tim. 3:15)



Restored Leadership

{John chapter 21}

John 21:3) *“Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.”*

- “I go...fishing” – Peter who has failed so miserably has now decided to leave the calling of Jesus to preach and go back to his more familiar trade of fishing. He is demoralized and disgusted with his failure to follow Christ. {Lk. 22:33; Matt. 26:74,75; 1 Jn. 2:15-17}
- When we are determined to follow Christ and we fail it is easy to give up and stop serving the Lord. But God wants us to remain faithful in spite of our flaws. {1 Jn. 1:9}
- “they caught nothing...” – when we are disobedient our best efforts are destined to fail.

John 21:4) *“But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.”*

- “the disciples knew not that it was Jesus...” – it’s possible that it was not a sufficient amount of light or that Jesus was a great distance away from the disciple making it difficult to recognize Jesus.
- The spiritual point to this is that sin distorts our view of Jesus and the gospel. {Jn. 10:24,25}

John 21:6) *“And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.”*

- “Cast the net on the right side of the ship” – even in our disobedience Jesus still loves us enough to come to us and bless us. This is all an extension of His grace. {Rom. 5:20-6:2}
- “They cast therefore...not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.” – as soon as they obeyed the command of Jesus they immediately reaped the benefits. {Jas. 1:25}

