

PETER'S REHABILITATION

John 21:1-22

Jesus provides rehabilitation for faulty followers

CHRIST'S REHAB GOALS FOR PETER ...

I. SHOW RESPECT (1-13)

- This was needed by Peter who'd said he didn't know of or follow Christ in Luke 22:56-57

A. THROUGH PATIENCE (1-3)

1. The disciples were supposed to be meeting Jesus at a mountain in Galilee - Matt. 28:16,
2. Apparently Peter gets tired of waiting for Jesus and decides to go fishing

B. BY OBEDIENCE (4-6)

1. Admit failure (4-5)
2. Doing as Jesus says (6)

C. WITH DECENCY (7a)

- Peter apparently felt that it was inappropriate to meet Jesus in shorts!

D. THROUGH COMRADERY (7b-8)

- There is an anxiousness to renew fellowship with Jesus

E. BY TRUST (9-11)

1. Recognizing Christ's provision (9)
2. Realizing that Jesus didn't need their fish but would welcome it (10-11)

F. WITH AWE (12-13)

1. The invitation: Come and eat! (12a)
2. The responses: Caught up in the magnificence of the moment (12b-13)

II. INDICATE HUMILITY (15-17)

- Because Peter had boasted about his commitment to Christ (Luke 22:33) and his superiority to the other disciples (Matthew 26:33)

A. JESUS' QUESTIONS

1. The Comparison of Peter's Love (15)
 - a. Do you love me more than these (other disciples)?
 - b. Peter had bragged that he was better - see Mark 14:29

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2. The Character of Peter's Love (16)
 - a. Jesus asked, "Do you agape Me?"
 - b. Is your love selfless and sincere, a totally committed love?
3. The Content of Peter's Love (17)
 - a. "Do you phileo Me?"
 - b. "Are we friends?"

B. PETER'S ANSWERS

1. Deferring: Each time Peter says "Lord, You know."
 - a. He doesn't trust himself to know his own heart, but he knows that Jesus does
 - b. Here is the response of a man with a clear conscience
2. Transparent: Hiding nothing!
 - a. I can't say that I agape you
 - b. I have a companion love for you but not the highest sort of committed love you asked about
 - c. I'm not going to lie about who I am
 - d. I won't be a hypocrite and claim to be what I'm not

C. JESUS' ASSIGNMENT

1. I'll give you care assignments for My dear sheep
2. In affect: I can use humble and imperfect people!

III. **DEMONSTRATE COURAGE** (18-22)

- Because Peter had been more concerned about saving his life than standing for Jesus
(See Luke 22:59a-60)

A. THE SITUATION (18-19a)

- Conditions will be bad ... are you up for this?

B. THE INVITATION (19b)

- Follow Me

C. HESITATION (20-22)

- He struggled somewhat to pass this final element of the final goal
1. Peter's Distraction (20-21)
 - a. What about him?
 - b. Jesus had just told Peter to follow Him, not look around
 2. Jesus' Declaration (22)
 - a. He's none of your business > You leave him to Me
 - b. You, Follow Me! > A repeated call to discipleship

CONCLUSION:**When Peter's rehab was completed there were several great things**

1. Renewed fellowship
2. Service opportunities
3. A clarity about the future

Have you gotten away from God?

- Do you need rehab?
- Follow these guidelines and get back to where you were
- Repent of sin and return to God's service - I John 1:9

Maybe you need a relationship and not just rehab

- Are you born again, truly saved?
- Have you asked Christ to save you?
- You can serve Him until He's saved you