

Title: Back to the Familiar

Text: John 21:1-19

Target: Sometimes you have to go back to what's familiar to be able to move forward.

- I. **Familiar Place:** *"Sea of Tiberias (Galilee)"* (Vs. 1)
 - A. **Place of Comfort:** This was home
 - B. **Place of Calling:** *"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."* (Luke 5:10)
 - C. **Place of Connection:** *"Mending their nets"* (Matthew 4:21)
- II. **Familiar Frustration:** *"They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing."* (Vs. 3)
 - A. **Empty:** Nothing left, Nothing to look to, Nothing to hope for
 - B. **Exhausted:** Nothing is working, Nothing feels right, Nothing is going your way
 - C. **Exasperated:** Nothing good is happening, and it's getting worse
- III. **Familiar Voice:** *"Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus."* (Vs. 4)
 - A. **Familiar Request:** *"He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.'" (Vs 6a)*
 - B. **Familiar Response:** *"So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish."* (Vs. 6b)
- IV. **Familiar Fire:** *"When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread."* (Vs. 9)
 - A. **Reminder:** John 18:18 "charcoal fire" (Denial)
 - B. **Restoration:** John 21:9 "charcoal fire" (Restoration)
 1. **Jesus will take you back to what broke you to heal you.**
 2. **Jesus will take you back to what shamed you to strengthen you.**
 - C. **Recognition:** *"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"* (Vs 15, 16, 17)
- V. **Familiar Invitation:** (Vs. 15-19)
 - A. **Call to Feed:** *"Feed My Lambs"* (Vs. 15, 17)
 - B. **Call to Tend:** *"Tend My Sheep"* (Vs. 16)
 - C. **Call to Follow:** *"(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, 'Follow me.'" (Vs. 19)*

Takeaway: Jesus will always meet us at the place of our greatest failure, not to remind us of it, but to redeem us from it.