

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): John 21:1–19

Sermon Title: Learning To Start Again

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READ (5 mins)

John 21:1–19 (NKJV)

1 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*:

2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

5 Then Jesus said to them, "**Children, have you any food?**" They answered Him, "No."

6 And He said to them, "**Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*.**" So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish.

9 Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

10 Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.**"

11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken.

12 Jesus said to them, "**Come and eat breakfast.**" Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"—knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

14 This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?**" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Feed My lambs.**"

16 He said to him again a second time, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

17 He said to him the third time, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?**" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "**Do you love Me?**" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "**Feed My sheep.**"

18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish.”

19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “**Follow Me.**”

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Simon Peter was known to be a man who was quick to act without thinking too much about the reason or the consequence of his action. Yet he was chosen by Jesus to be one of His disciples and later, one of the apostles. Is there something good about those who like to take action? What does the Bible have to say about taking action?**
- 2. Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me more than these?” Consider the theme of love. Is love an important factor in the things we do? As long as we are obedient to God’s word, does it matter whether we do them out of love for God or not? Is love a higher virtue than obedience or is obedience the higher virtue?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God’s word to our daily lives)

- 1. There is a difference between love that is deep and true and love that is only friendly but not sacrificial. That is the difference between *agape* love and *phileo* love. What if we discover that our love for Christ is of the *phileo* type and not the *agape* type as explained by the preacher? What can we do about it?**
- 2. The result of Peter having a true *agape* love for Christ is death as a martyr. Are you afraid of death? Are you afraid of dying as a martyr? How can you overcome the fear of death or the fear of being martyred for Christ?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be willing to humble ourselves before God and start over.
- Pray for our church to be a people who love God with all our heart, giving our all to Christ with true *agape* love.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.