



"I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valleys."

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Seeking His Abundance, Receiving Our Nourishment



John Lesson Twenty Three

Read John 21:1-14 and Luke 5:1-11.

1. Compare these two stories.

	Luke	John
Characters		
Activity		
Success or lack of it		
Jesus' instructions		
Results		
Where was Jesus		

2. When Peter said that he was going fishing, do you think that he had given up being a "fisher of men" and was returning to being a fisher of fish?

3. What does this story show about how the Lord will care for those who follow Him?

4. How did John and Peter react that was in keeping with their respective personalities?

Read John 21:15-25.

Two different Greek words for love were used in this passage. *Agapao* - the highest form of love, this love always seeks the good of its subject, even to the point of personal sacrifice. *Phileo* - a lesser word for love, meaning devotion or affection.

Jesus uses *agapao* in verses 15 and 16.

Peter uses *phileo* in all his answers.

Then Jesus uses *phileo* in His third question, verse 17.

5. Can you link Jesus' questioning Peter three times to an earlier experience with Peter?

6. Why did Peter become grieved when Jesus asked him the third time?

7. Why did Jesus use *phileo* the third time instead of *agapao* as at the earlier times?

8. What command did Jesus give to Peter:

First time

Second time

Third time

9. What words were omitted in Jesus' second and third question that were in the first question?
To whom or what did He refer?

10. In view of what Peter said to Jesus in Mark 14:29, how does this exchange between Peter and Jesus show a changed Peter?

11. What did Jesus reveal to Peter concerning how Peter should die? See also 2 Peter 1:13-14.

12. When Pete passed on to the elders of the church the command given to him by Jesus, how did he say that they should carry this out? See 1 Peter 5:1-4.

13. How did Jesus answer Peter when he inquired about what should happen to John?

14. What understanding of Jesus' answer was circulated among Jesus' followers?

15. Why does John claim that we can be certain that these things are true which are written in his book?