

What is the single most important result that Jesus desires from His journey to the cross.

Is it riches,
is it tongues,
is it prophecy,
is it financial empowerment;

OR is it restoration

The story of failure and God's restoration

John 21:1-14

The Greek word for charcoal fire is found in only two places in the New Testament:

Here in this story where Jesus is cooking fish for the disciple's breakfast,

and the other is when Peter stood warming himself after the arrest of Jesus in the courtyard.

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.

In your relationship with God, restoration follows:

obedience - the ability to listen to God in the face of some pretty ugly feelings

changes - to live differently as challenged by the words of Christ

Matthew 3:8-10

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

To be fully restored means that we need to offer a teachable Spirit

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 7:18

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

He creates fish and bread and wine.
He gives health where there was only sickness.
He gives strength when there was only weakness.
He gives life where there was only death.
He gives hope where there was only despair.
He gives forgiveness where there was only shame.
He is the God of new beginnings.