

Following Jesus At Any Cost

John 21:15-22

A. Context: A fishy breakfast

1. John 20:30-31—John says that the reason why these things have been written down, why we have been given the _____, is so that we would believe and have life in Jesus' name.
2. Remember one early encounter these disciples had with the Lord involved a fish haul that nearly _____ two boats! (Luke 5:1-11)
3. Peter and six other disciples encounter the Lord in a special way that involves miraculous _____ and _____. (John 21:1-14)

B. Those who _____ in Jesus will have abundant life in His name as they _____ their lives for His kingdom and His glory. v.15-17

1. Basically, Jesus is telling Peter that Peter is now part of God's kingdom plan, not Peter's plan.
2. This is tied directly to Peter's _____ for Jesus; if he loves the Lord, he will be faithful to God and a good _____ to the sheep of His flock. John 10:11-16
3. Even though Peter may not have immediately realized it here, it is evident from Acts and from Peter's epistles that he _____ what Jesus was saying. 1 Peter 5:1-4
4. We are surely not all _____ to be elders and shepherds, but we all surely are called to be a part of God's _____ purposes.
5. Belief _____ action; if you are a believer in Jesus, you must be a doer of His Word and His will by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. Those who believe in Jesus will have abundant life in His name as they _____ follow Him. v.18-19

1. Peter cannot _____ his own destiny and he cannot fulfill Jesus' commands without His guidance and strength.
2. 2 Peter 1:10-15—Peter understood and taught that to _____ in Jesus is to always obediently follow Him, even if it results in _____.
3. Proverbs 14:12—The only _____ to wholeheartedly following Jesus with all that we are by the power of the Holy Spirit is death.
4. When you and I are faced with the _____ that Jesus is God Himself, we must submit ourselves under His authority and _____ our lives in His hands for His purposes.

D. Those who believe in Jesus must _____ Jesus no matter what the cost. v.17-18

1. Jesus made it clear to Peter in the simplest terms that following Jesus means undistracted, unadulterated, unfettered _____ on and _____ to Him.
2. 1 Peter 1:3-9—Peter encouraged believers to _____ through the trials and the suffering of this life in order to _____ their faithfulness in following their Lord and Redeemer.
3. 1 John 5:3-5—The fact of the matter is that those who follow Jesus are _____ to a victorious overcoming of the toils and trials of this life as they _____ follow Jesus.
4. Finally, those who dare to follow Jesus must _____ the cost; it is the most rewarding journey in existence, but it is also the most _____.

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- A. 1-Bible, 2-sank, 3-fishing, breakfast, B.-believe, give, 2-love, shepherd, 3-"got", 4-called, kingdom, 5-denotes, C.-obediently, 1-control, 2-believe, death, 3-alternative, 4-knowledge, place, D.-follow, 1-focus, obedience, 2-persevere, prove, 3-called, faithfully, 4-count, costly