

## SERVING SUCCESSFULLY

Intor. Only recorded miracle by risen X. 2:11 manifested glory; 21:1 man. self. Yet same.

## I. CORRECT CONDUCT, 1-11.

- A. Involves forsaking, 1-3. 7 disc-5 named. 2 may be Andrew and Philip. Disc had to work to eat, not rich (except Jn), obscure part of empire, unlearned, Acts, yet they emptied heathen temples and synagogues. Power comes when we forsake selves and give to X. If don't then:
- (1) leads others astray, 3. Peter's example foll'd. Gal 2:12
  - (2) leads to dimness of vision, 7. P's rev. came thru someone else not from within as Mt 16:17.
  - (3) leads to old things, 3. Nothing sinful about fishing but wrong time. Had appt with X, Mt 28:10. Belonged to old life. Waste of time bed. just to ease nervousness. The boat (art. there) prob P's old one which he reclaimed. Left all, Lk 5:11 and now returning. Rom 13:14.
  - (4) leads to fruitlessness. Waste of time bec no fruit.

- B. Involves following, 4-11. Lord withheld self as 20:14. Jn saw so wasn't dim light. Love is always keen-sighted but never near-sighted (and close-lipped, 1Pet 4:8). About 100 yds out. Following means:

- (1) must go back to place of sin or loss of fellowship. Only time coals used is here and Jn 18:18 at denial. P surely reminded of this. Ques with me in v 5.
- (2) means provision, 9. X interested that they had brkst.
- (3) means effort, 8, 10. They fished and brot to X and He used. Full service is His blessing added to our X-directed labor.
- (4) means success, 11. Unusual size of catch. Yet X drew the fish. Our success not due to methods or clarity (Jn 16) but His drawing power.

## II. CONSTANT COMMUNION, 12-14.

In midst of labor we need feeding, Mk 6:31. No formal blessing bec they were thankful. Awe held disc back invl 2. Knew it was He but wanted His own statement. Communion is His giving to us. Really one-sided.

## III. CONSTRAINING COMPULSION, 15-17.

## 3. questions.

- A. Can you express your love for X. Do you love me?
1. It is a special question. 3 x. Foundation of discipleship. Love me, not ch, doctrines, people, service, message.



2. It is a specific question. Very clearly defined. Phileo means passionate love, like lovers. Shows affection of a forgiven heart. P's restoration before this. That's why he used phileo. Lk 7:41-50. In a sense P had gained a point when X used phileo 3rd time. But alone phileo is sentimental silliness. Agapao is reverential love. Value, esteem as Rev 12:11. But if agapao only then would be mere intellectual love. Alone too cold. Phileo alone too undirected. Together they give idea of zealous and intelligent love; reasoned and emotional.

3. It is a searching question. Must look at self to answer. Sin only thing keeps from loving X. In earthly relationships don't love bec something imperfect about one loved; but not true of X. If don't love only bec something wrong with us. Go back to fire of coals.

B. What is the extent of your love? How much?

3 interpretations of "more than these" and truth in all.

1. More than other disciples do. Mt 26:33. Our standard not to be determined by other men's love. Ours to be most fervent of all. (and may not always show in ways others think it ought to). More than anyone else loves me.
2. More than you love these other disciples. More than bro Andrew who led to X. Wife, husband etc, Mt 3:37. More than you love anyone else.
3. More than anything else (fishing, boats etc). Degree of intensity of love for X will settle problem of other things. All belongs to Him not 1/10th.

C. What is the evidence of your love? Are you showing your love for me?

Evidence of our love is extent to which we're obeying His commands. Jn 14:13.

1. Feed lambs, 15. Simplest and humblest job. Provide food for immature ones of flock who can't feed selves.
2. Tend my sheep, 15. Be a shepherd. Guide, watchful care of maturer ones. More responsible job.
3. Feed my sheep. Mature ones need feeding too. Doesn't say build church, extend k'gdom but exercise gifts to body built up in every way.

For all not just clergy but surely to leaders esp. Farmer at convention. We discuss what to feed them.

I. is fish. II. is feast. III. is feed.

Can you say, yea Lord thou knowest that I love thee?

3 questions

1. Will you obey me 21:1-14

How can a Y<sup>e</sup> flourish. How Ch.

7 disciples. That's their mind

We denied Him

Told to meet Him in Galilee Mt 28:10

Will He appear again.

What will we do if He leaves

v3 - to calm self - maybe "going back to fishing"

LK 5:1-11 - 3 yrs earlier. Same place, same nothing

v6 cast on right side.

Commands die here to obey

Clear

1. Wait in Galilee - not fish tho innocent it was wrong at that time. Good things don't substitute for obedience

Detailed

2. Cast on right side. Obey in detail. Experienced fishermen. Prot. cast on both sides during night.

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