

Transformed Characters

A Turning Point for Peter: You know that I love you

John 21:9-19

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Overview

Pre Transformation	Get in touch with our weaknesses <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Peter was impulsive and indecisive.2. Peter was insecure and fearful.3. After being transformed, Peter could still lapse back into his old ways.
Transformation- Turning Point	Gain insights into how God intervenes
Post Transformation	Get a vision for how different our lives could look

How did Jesus intervene in His disciples and Peter's Life?

- **John 21 is part of the account that began in John 20 where Jesus appeared to His followers and disciples after his resurrection.**
- **“... and He revealed Himself in this way...” (v.1)**
- **Context of a fishing experience.**

1. The Providence of Jesus (at their point of frustration)

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- Peter could not love Jesus in his own strength.

*Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”
(Matt.26:33)*

*Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!”
(Matt. 26:35)*

Peter denies Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.”

⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.”

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⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

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- Jesus addresses Peter as “Simon, son of John.”
- The word “love” = agapas and philo. A literary device used by John using words of similar meaning interchangeably.
- Note usage in John 3 being born again (anothen) which could mean “again” or “from above”
- Jesus comes down to the level of Peter and loves him with philo love.

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- What does the “...more than these” refer to?
 1. It refers to boats, nets and the fishing gear nearby. “Do you love me more than your vocation of fishing?”
 2. It refers to the other disciples. “Do you love me more than you love these disciples?”
 3. It refers to the other disciples but in a different sense. “Do you love more more than these disciples do?” (Jesus “throws” Peter’s initial response in Matt 26:33 back to him?)

3. Peter's complete restoration and commission

- Jesus is giving Peter the opportunity to renew his love and commitment afresh.
- Peter was completely restored by Jesus.

3x Peter had denied Jesus.

3x Peter now affirms his love for Jesus.

3x Jesus commissions Peter to care for the flock of God.

How did God intervene in Peter's life for transformation?

- He provided for him at his point of frustration. (All night fishing, no catch)
- Peter had a part to play in the transformation process. He had to realize that he cannot love God in his own strength. (The need for brokenness)
- Jesus then comes in to restore Peter completely by
 1. coming down to his level of love.
 2. renewing Peter's initial commitment and love.
 3. commissioning him to care for the flock.