

“On a From Now on Basis!”

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 20:30-31 Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

When our faults, weaknesses, and problems really come to light, we sometimes try to mask them with pretense.

Superficiality and insincerity are poles apart. Peter was superficial while Judas was insincere and hung himself. It is true that Jesus showed us the Father but the Apostles, more often than not, showed us, us. Let's examine the worst case scenario, Peter himself, and see how Jesus treated him when he failed. We might then sense how Jesus will treat us when we fail Him and repent.

Luke 5:1-11

Vs. 1 - There is excitement in the air throughout the crowd as Jesus begins to teach the word. Everybody is excited but the apostles who worked hard all night long without success.

Vs. 2 - The apostles are simply doing mundane work, washing nets. Note their humanity!

Vs. 3 - Simon is asked to launch a very heavy boat that he has just docked, he is not thrilled.

Vs. 4 - Now, of all things, a carpenter is giving fishing lessons.

Vs. 5 - They reluctantly let down the net at the Master's bidding.

Vs. 6 - More fish than they ever caught were in their nets, they are overwhelmed.

Vs. 7 - There are so many fish by now that they request help from their partners.

Vs. 8 - Simon is so overtaken by the magnitude of the miracles that he hides himself from the presence of the Lord.

Vs. 9 - All of the apostles are overpowered by the wonder of it all, just as we are many times.

Vs. 10 - Jesus Takes Peter Back on a "**From-Now-On**" Basis, as He will all of us.

Vs. 11 - These humans sold out to the Lord because He treated them with respect and dignity.