

HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 14:25-33

Observation questions

1. What did Peter ask Jesus to do before stepping out of the boat, and how did Jesus respond?
2. In the sermon, the “silver paradox” describes how silver medalists often feel less joy than bronze medalists. How does this relate to how people view their failures?
3. After Peter denied Jesus, what did he return to doing in John 21:1-3, and how did Jesus respond when He appeared to him?

Interpretation questions

1. Why might Peter have asked Jesus to “command me to come to you on the water” instead of simply stepping out in faith? What does this reveal about his mindset?
2. The sermon mentions that failure is an “event, not an identity.” How does Peter’s story in Matthew 14 and John 21 illustrate this distinction?
3. The “silver paradox” shows people fixating on what they lost rather than what they gained. How might this mindset conflict with God’s view of our purpose and identity?

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Application questions

1. What past failure or disappointment still feels like part of your identity? How could reframing it as an “event” (not who you are) change your perspective?
2. When have you retreated to “comfortable” habits or environments after a failure (like Peter returning to fishing)? What would it look like to run toward Jesus instead?
3. The sermon suggests writing down what God has redeemed in your past. What trial or failure could you reflect on this week to document His faithfulness?
4. Are there dreams or goals you’re clinging to that God might be redirecting? How can you discern whether you’re chasing comfort or calling?
5. What practical step could you take this week to let a past failure fuel growth (e.g., sharing your story, serving others, taking a new risk)?