Jesus and Peter

God has a purpose for your life. He has prepared work for you to do (Ephesians 2:10). Seek your calling in the light of Peter’s experience.

**1. Jesus reminded Peter *of his calling***

Luke 5:1-11

**2. Jesus met Peter’s *immediate need***

**3. Jesus restored Peter *to service***

Mark 14:27-31

**4. Jesus prepared Peter *for the future***

**Application**—As you seek to serve Jesus

1. Your calling comes *from the Lord*

2. Your calling may be *jeopardized by sin*

3. Your calling may be reaffirmed *before God’s people*

4. Your calling may *change at times*

5. Your calling may *involve hardship*

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. How did Moses feel about his ability to do what God called them to do (Exodus 4:10-13). Has the Lord ever called you to a task that seemed completely beyond you? How did you respond? How should you?

4. Life lessons from Stuart & Jill Briscoe.

Stuart

*“Never say that you cannot do what you’ve never attempted.”*

*“Flowing streams cut their own channels”* (John 7:37-39). [If the Spirit is flowing through you, He will cut His own channel of service for you.]

*“Responsibilities are ours; outcomes are His.”*

*“Character matters as well as calling and competence.”*

Jill

*“Everyone who comes into the orbit of my life hears about Jesus.”*

*“I didn’t save him for you. I saved him for Me.”*

This is what the wife of Major Ian Thomas (founder of Torchbearers International) told Jill when she resented the fact that Stuart’s ministry that took him from home so much.

*“I must take time to grow my own soul.”*

5. Note: Some Bible teachers make a great deal out of the fact that Jesus and Peter use two different Greek words for love. However, in the gospel of John these two words are used interchangeably, even to describe God’s love for His Son (John 3:35; 5:20). In our text, Jesus also speaks of “sheep” and “lambs” with no clear difference of meaning. He tells Peter to “tend” and to “shepherd” without any clear difference of meaning. So the use of two different words for love is probably not significant.