



The Vineyard Church of Conroe
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Sermon Notes

He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves.³⁰ What a blessing was that stillness as he brought them safely into harbor! Psalms 107:29-30

The Resurrection of Jesus Anchors us AS WE SAIL THROUGH DEATH, DISAPPOINTMENT, & DEFEAT

And leads us to Safe Harbor IN GOD'S PRESENCE

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. Hebrews 6:19-20a

I. John 21:1-3

...³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

The Resurrection Anchors us when we are FAILING

Because GOD IS STRONGEST WHEN WE ARE WEAKEST

We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself.⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 2 Corinthians 1:8b-9

II. John 21:4-6

⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

The Resurrection Anchors us when we are CONFUSED

Because RELEASING OUR NEED FOR CERTAINTY MAKES US

DEPENDENT ON GOD

Such confidence we have through Christ before God. ⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

III. John 21:7-8

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea.

The Resurrection Anchors us when we are **EXCITED**

Because OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS’ LOVE GIVES

DIRECTION TO OUR PASSION

If we are “out of our mind,” as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:13-15

IV. John 20:9-14

...¹² Jesus said to them, “Come *and* eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord.

The Resurrection Anchors us when we are **RELATING**

Because WE SEE OTHERS AND OURSELVES IN THE LIGHT

OF NEW CREATION

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

V. John 20:15-19

¹⁹ This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

The Resurrection Anchors us when we are **DYING**

Because SACRIFICING OURSELVES BRINGS LIFE TO

OTHERS

¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 2 Corinthians 5:11