

“Forgiving Self” John 21:9-17

Peter got off track lots of times--

He was always taking some hasty action he regretted later,

He said he never would deny Christ. But he did.

He was overwhelmed with guilt, and He could not forgive himself.

John 21:9-14

What can this scripture say to us

that will help us to get past the things that are keeping us chained to the past?

I. JESUS WALKED INTO PETER’S LIFE: **Jesus took the initiative!**

Jesus is walking into our life at this very moment! **Matthew 11:28**

Most of the time, we do not pick up on his invitation.

We are so busy struggling and beating ourselves up over the past.

We say, “But Lord, I’m not deserving. I can’t forget what I have done in the past.

We have to move on!

To understand, his grace is enough to cover forgiving ourselves as well.

John 21:15-

17

II. MORE THAN JUST A BREAKFAST:

Jesus presses Peter more in the next question and the next..

Jesus is looking for a total renewal of his loyalty and a reaffirmation of his responsibilities..”

He wanted Peter to get over the past and experience total forgiveness!

III. IT’S TIME TO PUSH THE OFF BUTTON:

For Peter this breakfast was the turning point.

He pushed the OFF BUTTON on GUILT and FORGAVE HIMSELF

Self-forgiveness is a tool for:

a. facing what we’ve done in the past,

b. acknowledging our mistakes and moving on.

True forgiveness is found in allowing Jesus to do his work in our lives.

Don’t spend your time repenting and repenting over and over again.

IV. DON’T BEAT YOURSELF UP OVER THE PAST.

Jesus says to us, “I HAVE TOTALLY FORGIVEN YOU.

His forgiveness is all inclusive.

1. That forgiveness includes forgiving yourself.”

2. As we move away from our past, we also find in it the healing for ourselves.

You CAN forgive yourself.

Decide to do it today.