From Fishing to Feeding Sheep

John 21:1-25

***** Peter learned what we all must learn: ***We don't have to go back to our "old trade", if God has called us into His Ministry!***

I. LEAVING THE OLD BUSINESS OF FISHING FOR FISH (V.1-14)

A. Peter's Choice to Fish influenced others to Follow His Example (v.3)

B. Peter's Success in Fishing was Futile without God's blessing (v.4-5)

C. Peter's Risen Lord would both Catch & Cook all the Fish he needed (v.6-14)

1. The Supernatural Catch (v.6-8, 11)

2. The Supernatural Cookout (v.9-10, 12-14)

II. STARTING THE NEW MINISTRY OF FEEDING GOD'S SHEEP (V.15-24)



A. Feeding God's Sheep requires a Supreme LOVE FOR THE CHIEF-SHEPHERD
("Lovest thou me?" - v.15-17)

B. Feeding God's Sheep requires a ministry to People with VARYING LEVELS OF MATURITY *("Lambs (Arnia – v.15)…."Sheep" (Probaton – v.16-17))*

C. Feeding God's Sheep requires DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF MINISTRY
("Feed" (basko – To Feed Food - v.15)…"Feed" (poimaino – Lit. to Shepherd Sheep by providing attention, protection & direction - v.16-17)

D. Feeding God's Sheep requires a willingness to FOLLOW CHRIST NO MATTER WHAT! (v.18-24)

1. We must Follow Christ no matter what the Cost (v.18-19)

2. We must Follow Christ no matter what Others Do (v.20-24)

Conclusion: v.25