

RE-BUILD
Easter 2021
April 3-4
John 21:1-19

Introduction

- **Comments on the Video Bumper**
- **God has an Incredible plan for your life!**
 - **God's Designs are Amazing!** What we are today is not the full picture. God has dreams and ideas that we couldn't even imagine.
 - **iPhone in 1750** - Think about trying to tell someone in the 1800's what a handheld computer-phone is...they don't have any of the foundational pieces to comprehend it.
 - **Computer** - They can't comprehend a computer.
 - **Can't Read, no Library** - They don't have an assumption that everyone can read. They don't see a need for a personal library.
 - **Art Gallery** - They can't imagine a world-famous art gallery of photos and pictures in the palm of their hand,
 - **All Famous Music** - much less access to almost all famous music that's ever been recorded.
 - **Wi-Fi** - And they don't have a clue what wi-fi could possibly be.
 - **Same with God Telling Us His Plan for Us** - In the same way God has plans for you that He can't even explain yet, because in order to get there, you'll need Him to build new concepts in you just to reach the bottom floor of it.
 - **So, what Needs to be built in you?** What needs to be renovated? What needs to change? What needs to stay the same? **(REPEAT)**
 - **Like a home renovation project.** What is a simple addition and what is rotted and needs to be torn out completely? Is there a problem with our foundation or is it just superficial work?
 - **We all are in the process of building our lives** into the ones we were built to live. There's no shame in needing renovation...
 - **We are all in the process of becoming** who God intends us to be.
 - **It's Hard to Imagine God can do great things with us, right?** - Some of us are just thinking about getting off drugs and getting our kids back. Some of us are just thinking about finding someone that is willing to marry us and build a life together. Some of us are wondering whether the diagnosis we received will dominate the rest of our lives. We can't even imagine things like...

- Family Vacations
- New Business Ventures
- Laughter and a light spirit
- Entering into Full Time Ministry
 - BUT, God can.
- **Checking it Out** - Some of us haven't even begun the building process and we are checking Christianity out.
- **New to Renovation of Lives** - Some of us are new to this whole rebuilding-our-lives thing.
- **Long Timers** - Some of us are long-time projects of God who can't wait for the next installment.
- **I have great news for all of you!** No matter what place you are at, the Master Builder knows what to do next!
 - Let me tell you His Name...**Jesus Christ**

Lesson

- **God is Brilliant at Building and a Master at Renovation.**
 - **It's kind of His wheelhouse.** Chip & Joanna Gaines have nothing on God.
 - **I'm not good at building stuff** and don't know much about being a General Contractor, but I know the **Bible** and I know **my God**...
 - I know He **built** the **universe from nothing**.
 - I know He **built** the **Garden of Eden**.
 - I know He **demolished Death and Sin by the Cross**
 - And I know He's **renovating the Fall of Humanity**
- **How? – He died and Rose Again –** And now we get to the startling Easter story.
 - **On the third day**, Jesus Christ rose again from the dead and walked out of the tomb alive and as King. **[Expand here briefly]**
 - **His emergence from a stone cave marked His introduction to the Greatest Renovation Project in the History of Creation.**
 - **What sin and death ruined, He is Rebuilding, but this time better and stronger.**
- **Now That He's Risen, it's a new Program in Motion: This Time** - This time Jesus bound Satan so His kids could go and do anything He called them to. This time He was going to do the world changing through His followers... Through US!
 - **No seriously,...through broken down us...**

- **Does that sound impossible?** That God could bring you to a place where your life is not only healthy and whole but that you are a powerhouse of ministry impacting the world?
- **Let me tell you a story from John, Chapter 21**
 - **Set Up: Jesus Died, Rose again and His Team is waiting on Him (did Jesus move on because they failed?)** – Jesus told them He was going to Empower them to take the lead, but They don't know their next move. They've seen him 2x's already but now what? Is Jesus gone forever? Do they go back to a regular life? Did Jesus move on with other, better people? They almost all bailed on Him at the cross, Heck, Peter, their supposed leader, denied Christ 3x's.
 - **7 of 11 Disciples are sitting the Beach as our Story Begins**
 - **Let me Tell you The Story** – Fished all evening and night...Nothing...At Dawn a guy shows up back on the beach “catch anything?” – No – Try the right side of the boat – (JOKE) – Huge catch, can't haul it in – John says, 'it's Jesus!' – Peter dives in and swims to shore – Jesus is already cooking breakfast. **[Expand Here]**
 - **He's Alive! He didn't Move On! Clearly He has a plan they don't understand...**These are His guys, **but how** could Jesus hand off the ministry to them if they all failed Him so badly?
 - **How can Jesus trust us with ministry, to be salt and light of the world, with how messed up we all are?**

8 minutes at this point

BREAK – AS I AM Song played – Pastor Lance trades venues (from outside to inside)

- **What does this story of 7 Disciples on the Beach have to do with us? The Story's not done yet,** but I think it already sounds a lot like **what's happening** right here, **right now...**
 - **That Beach Setting was a Set Up - I think you're being set up by God right now** – Why are you here? Why at this service? Why at this church? Why now? Why today? Because God set in motion a plan to talk to you, right here, right now.

- **They never imagined He'd meet them at the beach** - You never saw Him coming to meet you today did you? You came to a normal Easter church thing. But then Jesus showed up.
- **At first they couldn't tell it was Him on the shore - You aren't even sure it's Him speaking to you right now** – It sounds like God. You have the feelings like it's God. It seems possible but rather unlikely, right?
- **But more indicators are coming** – From this moment forward you are going to start to see things shift into place. One thing is going to resonate after another. One connection after another. One confirmation after another. And then you are going to be sure it's Him. Jesus is calling you. He has a plan for you. It's a renovation plan.
- **Now What?** – let's go back to the story...
 - **Jesus takes Peter for a walk** – Jesus asks Peter 3 questions: Do you love me? – freaks Peter out – at the end, He says, Follow Me...[\[Expand Here\]](#)
- **What Does This Have to Do with Us?**
 - **Jesus only has one question for you but asks it multiple times** – Do you love me? He asks it three times to make sure you know what you are answering because **the rest of your life depends on how you answer this question**. It's a fork in the road. No simple response will do. So, he will ask you again and again. **If this question is answered YES with all your heart, the renovation process can begin.** If it's an answer to pacify Him and get Him off your back, the project goes back on hold.
 - **Love: The only question that matters** – the only question that matters at this moment is whether or not you love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. The Bible says that if we do that and love our neighbor as ourselves, then all the entire Bible is summed up and completed. Sounds simple, but it's rather complex. You see, Christianity, is based on relationship with God. Relationship is based on love. God does the heavy lifting; we do the loving. So, I'll ask you the question again...do you love Jesus Christ?
 - **The final command (Follow Me)** – Peter answered yes and meant it. So, Jesus gave him a final, single, command. **"Follow Me" In**

those two words are everything you need to know about a God renovation of your life. His plan for you is so complex that you wouldn't be able to follow it. His plan is so expensive you could never pay for it. His plan is so intense, you could never handle it. **So, there's only one thing to do. Let Him do what He wants to do with your life. How do you do that? Follow Him.**

- **Following Jesus** = living life according to His agenda and His priorities and saying yes, when He asks.
 - **Is that possible? In your life?** – Not so sure huh? Seems impossible, right?
 - **That's how Peter felt** on the walk with Jesus.
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- **What Peter didn't Know** About That Part of the Story
 - **This was Reinstatement** - what Peter didn't know was that after a complete failure in the eyes of God and the other Apostles by denying Christ, this was his reinstatement service.
 - **Jesus wasn't Wrong About the Rock Thing** - What Peter didn't know was that when Jesus prophesied that Peter was going to be a rock, when his personality was anything but that, Jesus meant it.
 - **Foundation of Christianity Forged Here** - What Peter didn't know was that upon this Rock, and that's what Peter's name meant, Jesus was going to launch a movement called Christianity.
 - **Worldwide Ministry** - Through Peter and the other Apostles leadership was going to come an explosion, a renovation, a kingdom of epic proportions. Starting now, within 300 years, Christianity was the named religion of the entire civilized world.
 - **Peter Saw Failure; God Saw Project** - Peter didn't know that. Peter saw himself as a failure. God saw him as a project.
 - **It Matters Little What You Think of Yourself** – it only matters what God thinks of you.
 - **House History vs. Dream of the Builder** - It matters little what the little broken-down house on the corner believes about its history, but much more importantly is the dream in the mind of the Master Builder and Renovator.
 - **House Doesn't Need the Plan** - The house doesn't need to come up with the plan.

- **House Doesn't Need the Resources** - The house doesn't need to finance the plan.
- **The House Doesn't Even Carry the Faith to Get it Done** - The house doesn't need to wonder if the project will ever get done. That's not the job of the house.
- **The House's Job** - The job of the house is simply to give way to the hand of the builder.

CALL WORSHIP TEAM BACK UP – Music bed then *“King of Kings”* Chorus

7 minutes at this point

Conclusion

- To those of you who want **this Building Project to Begin** – here's what you need to do... [\[Expand Here\]](#)
- To those of you who want the **renovation of God to start again** in your life because you know that it stalled out a long time ago – here's what you do need to do. [\[Expand Here\]](#)
- To those of you who just want God to put on **the new addition to your spiritual home** and cut out some of the waste – here's what you need to do. [\[Expand Here\]](#)
- **Let's Pray (Altar Call)** – raising hands

WORSHIP TEAM CLOSSES WITH *“CHAIN REACTION”* SONG