

LETTING GO

April 12, 2020

Letting go is hard. When Mary first realized that Jesus was alive, she wanted to grab hold of Him and never let Him go. Jesus, however, told Mary that she couldn't hold on. She had to let go. Jesus wasn't going to stay, and things could never go back to the way they were before. We often try to cling to the past when God is inviting us into His presence. A presence that will lead us to a future that we can only experience if we are willing to let go of the past and embrace His plans. Join us online for a special Easter Sunday message about how the unexpected pauses in our lives might be God's invitation to let go.

Passage (READ):
John 20:11-18

Principles (KNOW):

The Resurrection means you can let go

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Practices (DO):

Consider the answer to these two questions:

1. Why are you crying?

2. Who is it you are looking for?

SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR "PAUSE":

40 Days to Lasting Change: An AHA Challenge, Kyle Idleman

40 Days of Purpose, Rick Warren

A Call to Die, David Nasser

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Peter Scazzero

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day, Peter Scazzero

Ninety Days with the Disciple Jesus Loves, Gary Lee Webber

My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers

Morning and Evening, Charles Spurgeon

Other sermons you may want to check out at ssbc.org

Awakening (2015)

Prayer Journey (2018)

One (2017)

The Disciple's Journey (2018)



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WATCH US LIVE

Join us LIVE! on Sundays at

- 9:00 a.m. on Facebook
- 10:30 a.m. on ssbc.org

If you would like a CD of Sunday's message, please call the church office to request one.

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (WEEK OF APRIL 12-18, 2020)

HANGOUT (Warming up to the topic)

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts related to this week's teaching or daily readings?
2. Over the past few weeks, what have you had to give up or do without that you couldn't have imagined doing without prior to the outbreak of COVID-19?
3. Do you imagine that our world will be different after this time of social distancing is over? If so, how?

HEAR (Listening to God through Scripture)

4. Read John 21:1-3.
 - Which of the disciples was the leader of the group? What was his first leadership decision following Jesus' death and resurrection?
 - Read Matthew 4:18-22. What had Jesus originally called His disciples to become?
 - How was Peter's invitation in John 21 a reversal of that call and an invitation to return to life as it was before?
5. Read John 21:4-8.
 - Peter's idea was clearly unproductive! Nostalgia sometimes causes us to overestimate the past. Can you recall an experience when the reality of something didn't measure up to your memory of it?
 - What turned an unproductive night fishing into a record-breaking catch?
 - Read Luke 5:1-11. There is a beautiful symmetry between Luke's account of Jesus' initial call to His disciples and John's account of Jesus' final resurrection appearance to them. What can we learn from reading these passages together?
6. Read John 21:9-14.
 - Do you believe there is any significance to "153" fish? If so, what is it? What does Jesus do in verse 13? Does this remind you of another encounter Jesus had with His disciples?
 - In what ways should the resurrection redefine our lives? What does this require of us?

HUDDLE (Making it personal and praying together - in huddles)

7. Is there any way in which God has called you away from an old pattern of life into something new? How? Have you tried going back to the old pattern? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.

DAILY READING:

Thursday: John 21

Monday: Matthew 4

Friday: Acts 1

Tuesday: Luke 5

Saturday: Jonah 1-2

Wednesday: John 20

Sunday: Jonah 3-4