

Call the Midwife!

## **I. Peter and His Journey Through the Wall with Jesus**

### **A. Jesus met Peter Exactly Where He Was**

1. I'm Goin Fishin (vs 3-5)
  - Peter, having denied knowing Christ 3 times seems to have:
    - returned to a past life
    - reverted to his old ways
    - resigned to a lost cause
  - And Jesus meets them where they are and calls to them from the shoreline
2. Cast the net on the right side of the boat (Vs 6-8)
  - Jesus reminds them of His first call to them
3. Charcoal, Bread, Fish, and Jesus (vs 9-12)
  - Jesus confronts Peter in his disgrace and invites him to his table
4. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them (13-14)
  - a reminder of last time they ate together at the Lord's Supper
  - and His finished work on the Cross

### **B. Jesus Loves Him To The End**

1. Love me More than These (vs 15-17)
  - These Fish: are you willing to let me be your provision or will you do it yourself?
  - These Men: do you find your acceptance in them, or in me?
    - either way Jesus is asking... "am I enough?"
2. Then Feed my Sheep
  - 3 times Peter denied Jesus, 3 times Jesus asks if he's enough, and 3 times Peter responds yes, and 3 times Jesus calls him to a life for the sake of others.
3. Follow Me (vs 18-19)
  - He ends his conversation the way they started their relationship

## **II. Our Journey**

In Our Journey through the wall:

1. Jesus MEETS us where we are and REMINDS us of whose we are
  - You are fully known and fully loved
2. Jesus CONFRONTS us in our brokenness and WELCOMES us to his table
  - His grace is sufficient
3. Jesus REVEALS that he is enough and CALLS us to a life for the sake of others
  - feed my sheep and follow me

IT IS BECAUSE JESUS IS ENOUGH  
THAT WE CAN GIVE OUR LIVES AWAY FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

### III. Imagine If...

#### A. Calling All Midwives

- she's not the doctor, but she knows the doctor
- she also knows she's not the mother, but she usually has given birth
- she helps with the breathing
- she offers some ice chips
- she has enough training to understand when it's time to call the doctor

#### B. Helping Others Journey Through Their Wall:

1. It's done RELATIONALLY
2. It happens AUTHENTICALLY
3. It takes a deep understanding of GRACE and a good sense of HUMOR
4. It's done with EXCELLENCE
5. It happens with CHRIST at the center
6. It's a life of MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

### IV. RbC in 2024: A Continuum of Care

Worship/ Prayer	LIFEGroups	Stephen Ministry	Pastoral Care	Professional Counseling
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#### LIFEGroup Questions:

1. Just as Peter "went fishing", what habits or behaviors are you prone to default to when you're confronted with disappointment, pain, or disgrace? How has Jesus met you in those places and loved you despite your best efforts to avoid Him? What does that tell you about the person of Christ?
2. Describe a person in your life who has effectively served as a type of "midwife". How did they influence your story and journey with Jesus?
3. Describe the relationship between Jesus' call to both "feed His sheep" and follow Him. How does each complement the other? Do you ever neglect one for the other? How might your thoughts, words and actions be different this week if you moved through it aware of Jesus' call to do both?

WHAT IF JESUS DOESN'T JUST WANT US TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL;  
WHAT IF HE WANTS US TO HELP OTHERS LIVE IT TOO?