

## “Put the U into Success”

John 21:1-19

Peter was the first to: speak, take a step of faith, and stumble.  
But, at the end of the day, Peter was standing next to Jesus.

Peter put the U into success by standing **UP** again after failure.

A humbled Peter is back in the water again.  
Not walking, not sinking and crying for help, but **swimming**.

### 1. Get Up—get back into **life**.

*“Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together” (John 21:2).*

Achievers get back up by:

1. **Rejecting** rejection. (Philippians 4:13)
2. Seeing failure as **temporary**. (1 Kings 18:43-44, Proverbs 24:16)
3. Seeing failures as **isolated** incidents. (1 John 2:1)
4. Keeping expectations **realistic**. (Matthew 10:14)
5. Focusing on **strengths**. (2 Timothy 1:6)
6. **Varying** approaches to achievement. (1 Corinthians 9:27)
7. **Bouncing** back. (Proverbs 24:16)

### 2. Dress Up—**renew** your faith.

*“As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, ‘It is the Lord,’ he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water” (John 21:7).*

Dress up:

- **Embrace** Jesus Christ again.
- Past sins **forgiven**.
- Failures are **covered** in the blood.

3. Show Up—report for **service**.

*“Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs” (John 21:15b).*

Do you love me more than these?

- More than the things of this **world**?—toys and trophies
- More than fishing?—**former** life and career
- More than the other **disciples**?—will you lead again
- Will you **serve**?—Feed My sheep!

**Memory Verse:**

*<sup>15</sup>When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”*

—John 21:15