

### Try, try again

One of the challenges of the Resurrection, if not the main challenge, is the giving up of self; moving from fear (running away or just ignoring); moving from self-righteousness (having all the answers); moving from pride; moving to a place of dependency – being dependent on the Lord. It has happened from the beginning of time in many of the lives of those trying to follow God, trying to follow Jesus.

Peter has experienced this in his life. In today's Gospel he is unsure of life and returns to that which he knows, that which gives him comfort and security – fishing. But Peter is a lucky man, he is given another chance and jumps in the water, carefree, he is off to greet the Lord.

After their happy meal on the seashore, their eucharist, Jesus guides and strengthens Peter through love.

Similarly, some eight hundred years earlier Jonah was a man who also experienced doubt in his mind. The writer of the book, shows Jonah as a man who believes he knows better than God. After Jonah's trials and tribulations, he is given the faith to see that God's word is unique, and accepting this, is called a second time to follow Him.

In the gospel, Jesus begins his conversation by speaking to 'Simon bar Jonah' (Simon, son of John); at the end of the dialogue Jesus tells 'Peter' a second time, 'Follow me'. Peter has succumbed to the love of Jesus; he has acceded to the calling fully – in name and spirit.

Like all Christians we have been called by name. Resurrection is our time to be given that further chance for accede in spirit. If at first, we do not accede - try, try, try again.

Remember the Lord is Risen.....

Peace and blessings always,

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