

“... Divinely Restored!”

NewSong Church Pastor David Haltom Resurrection Sunday, April 9th, 2023

Today's Focal LifeText: John 21:1-17 EXB



Peter's love for Jesus, though genuine, had been _____ & misguided by his own foolish _____ and _____ that had served the enemy's plans for having him to deny Jesus before He was crucified.

Peter's failures were rooted in his _____ to love Jesus with ALL of His being (**John 14:15** Amplified)

Jesus knew that for Peter to succeed in the leadership role in the early church, he would need to be **divinely** _____. Peter needed to understand that although he had denied Christ, Christ had _____ and would **never** _____ him (or us)! **Romans 8:35-39** Amplified

Jesus' plan of **restoration** of Peter begins to unfold in **John 21:1-14** ... similarly parallels [**Luke 5:2-11**]

Jesus is **re-creating** here His original call of Peter for **re-connection** ... a **re-storing** ... a **re-commissioning**!

Verse 15–Step #1 in Restoring Peter's Heart: Simon (his birth name from his parents. “Simon, son of John” suggests a coming _____ of Peter by Jesus. Jesus earlier gave him a new name, “Peter” meaning “_____” (**John 1:42**).

Jesus referred to Peter as “Simon” when he needed rebuking or correction (**Mark 14:37; Luke 22:31-32**)

The Lord's first question was pointedly direct, “Do you love Me more than these?” The word “love” in Jesus' question was Greek the word _____ (**self-sacrificial, unconditional** _____ of love / **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**). In the OT, the parallel Hebrew word, _____, for **love** meant “_____ love” representing God's **everlasting love** (**Jeremiah 31:3**)! Jesus was challenging Peter to _____ his former life & be exclusively _____ to following Him w/His love! **Matthew 26:31-33**

Peter answered Jesus' question with, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” Peter's Greek word used for love was not **agape**, but was **phileo** which means a _____ type of love. Jesus then responded, “Feed (tend to / pasture) My lambs” denoting a **continual action** of **tending, feeding & caring** for animals.

“feed” implies a spiritual feeding of _____ (**1 Peter 2:2; Deuteronomy 8:3**).

Verse 16 – Step #2 in Restoring Peter's Heart: Jesus said to Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” again using the Greek verb **agape**. Peter again responded, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You” using the same verb of love, **phileo**. The Lord then charged him, “Shepherd My sheep.” This expressed the full scope of responsibility that _____ **oversight / governing** entails. **Acts 20:28**

Verse 17 – Step #3 in Restoring Peter's Heart: - Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Unlike His two previous questions, this third time Jesus used Peter's word for love, **phileo**. Peter responded in _____ & great _____, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” For this 3rd time Jesus now accepted the apostle's recognized failings & imperfection and graciously and sovereignly moved to charged Peter to pastorally care for His flock, saying to him, “Tend (pasture) My sheep.”

Verse 19 – Jesus was _____ & _____ Peter back into ministry publicly B4 the other disciples. Jesus directly challenged Peter to obey Him & to care for His flock as He does: w/**self-sacrificing** _____ love & thru _____ just as Jesus had experienced (**Isaiah 53:3-12**).

Then Jesus **concluded** the **restoration process** with a single command - “... Follow me!” (**John 21:19**)

This re-calling to **Follow Christ** echoed Jesus first calling to Peter and his brother, Andrew ... **Mark 1:17-18** Amplified

The **restored** Apostle Peter would _____ to the Lord's commission for the rest of his life. His ministry would include proclaiming the gospel & feeding the flock the Lord had entrusted to him (**Acts 2:42**) and fellow shepherds. Nearing the end of his ministry, the **restored** Apostle Peter would exhort in **1 Peter 5:1-3** Amplified ...

We are called to _____ Jesus, to be _____, to be _____, to be **prepared to** _____ as we lead, and in all things seek to **fully** _____ Christ and His Word. This is what is **true Christ-like leadership** is to be!

Hebrews 4:15 NKJV

We gain HIS _____ when we _____ on His Word and _____ HIM through our many _____ in life: **1 Peter 1:6-7** NLT

Even when we _____, and we will fail just as Peter failed, Jesus does not abandon nor give up on us when we do! No setback or failure can ever _____ us from His love! **2 Timothy 2:13, 1 Peter 5:10**

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