

## REVIEW: I'm Going Fishing

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(16) He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

(17) He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

(18) Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you

will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."

(19) This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

(20) Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

(21) Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

(22) Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

(23) Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

(24) This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

(25) And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.  
Amen.

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A) Simon Peter had an inflated view of himself and an underestimated view of temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 Therefore let him who **thinks he stands take heed** lest he fall.

(13) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; **but God is faithful**, who will **not allow you** to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will **also make the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.

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1) Feed my lambs – Tend to my lambs.

2) Feed my sheep – Shepherd my sheep.

3) Feed my sheep – Tend to my sheep.

There are three things Jesus is telling Peter to do.

Grow and feed the baby lambs.

Guide and shepherd the older sheep.

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The institution of Peter as the leader is unmistakable. He was an elder among the others, messed up more than the others, and yet God still called him to lead. Peter ultimately understood and experienced God's grace.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have **fervent love** for one another, for "LOVE WILL COVER A **MULTITUDE OF SINS.**"

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B) Jesus says it to Peter three times.

1 – Peter answers Yes, you know that I love you.

2 – Yes, Lord, you know I love you.

3 – Peter was grieved.

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There are moments where:

1. Your actions don't line up with your intentions
2. You fall short in ways you thought you were past
3. You feel the gap between who you are and who you believe you should be

And in that place, prayer becomes less polished and more raw: "God, You know me. You know I love You even if I'm failing right now."

That's not hypocrisy ..... that's honesty.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—  
These, O God, You will not despise.

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Peter was given the news that he would die for Christ and then commissioned to follow Jesus anyway.

We have too many times come to Christ with preconceived ideas given to us by a religion that does not call for sacrifice but a promise of peace and prosperity.

Luke 9:23

“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

John 16:33

“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

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Peter, then accepting his fate, turns to John...What about him? Jesus responds not your business....

1 Corinthians 3:12-13 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, (13) each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.