

*Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. <sup>17</sup>A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.” John 21:16-17 NLT*

### TALK IT OVER

Read **Matthew 16:15-18**. What stands out to you about this Scripture? How would you describe Jesus if you were asked who He is?

Share about a time when it would have been easy for you to quit or give up. What did you learn—about yourself and God—as you continued to persevere?

Is God calling you to persevere in an area of your life right now, even though it’s difficult? Talk about this experience with others.

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## BEEN THERE — WEEK 3 - Ready to Quit

*“Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Mark 14:36 NLT*

*Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me ...” <sup>33</sup>Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” <sup>34</sup>“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” <sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” ... Matthew 26:31, 33-35 NIV*

*“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>**And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church** ...” Matthew 16:15-18 NIV*

*They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, “Sit here while I go and pray.” <sup>33</sup>He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. <sup>34</sup>He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” Mark 14:32-34 NLT*

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*Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14:37-38 NIV*

*When he returned to them the third time, he said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!” Mark 14:41-42 NLT*

*Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest’s slave. <sup>11</sup>But Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink from the cup of suffering the Father has given me?” John 18:10-11 NLT*

*At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” <sup>62</sup>And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. Luke 22:61-62 NLT*

*When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30 NLT*

*After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you **love me more than these?**” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him. John 21:15 NLT*

***agape***: sacrificial and faithful love; an act of the will

***phileo***: brotherly love, often in a close friendship