Spiritual Recalibration

When I was in my teens I was in a scouting program through a local church. When it came time to earn my orienteering badge I had to get a compass. The first thing I remember learning about it was that the little, metal arrow inside was magnetized and that's how it found north. I went on to learn that it was pointing to magnetic north instead of True North. The North Pole of the earth never shifts. It is a geographic constant, but magnetic north is constantly moving. Because of that, and our reliance on maps in our phones, software companies have to send packets every so often to recalibrate north on our devices so they stay up to date with it.

In <u>Luke 22</u>, after spending up to three years with Jesus, Peter was confronted by a teen girl who accused him of being a follower of Jesus. He denied knowing Jesus just as he had been told he would. Not long after, in <u>John 21</u>, Jesus pulled Peter aside to ask him, "**Do you love me?**" Then He told Peter to feed His sheep. What Jesus was doing was recalibrating Peter's heart and directing it back to True North. Once he was recalibrated, we read how he went on to be one of the Early Church leaders, led thousands to Jesus and even became a martyr. It was a significant turn around in his life and for the Church.

<u>Colossians 3:1-2</u> says, "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth" (NLT).

There are a lot of distractions in this world that take our eyes off of Jesus, Heaven and eternity. It's easy to take our eyes off of True North and to begin following the magnetic north of this world that is constantly changing. Paul's reminder to us here is that we need to keep recalibrating our hearts and minds to look beyond this life and to keep our eyes on Jesus.

When is the last time you asked Jesus to recalibrate your heart and mind? Today is a great day to reset and refocus on what matters most.

Blessings,

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