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BREAKFAST BY THE SEA

¹⁵“After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love (**agape**) me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ Peter replied, ‘you know I love (**phileo**) you.’ “‘Then feed my lambs,’ Jesus told him.

¹⁶Jesus repeated the question: ‘Simon son of John, do you love (**agape**) me?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ Peter said, “‘you know I love (**phileo**) you.’ ‘Then take care of my sheep,’ Jesus said.

¹⁷A third time he asked him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love (**phileo**) me?’ Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, ‘Lord, you know everything. You know that I love (**phileo**) you.’ Jesus said, ‘Then feed my sheep’”
John 21:15-17 (NLT)

Greek Definitions

- ❖ Agape - a selfless, unconditional, and sacrificial love that is based on choice and commitment rather than feeling.
- ❖ Phileo - a love based on friendship, liking, and emotion

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO FOLLOW JESUS?

“... Then Jesus told him, ‘Follow Me.’” John 21:19 (NLT)

1. Presence Over Perfection

“Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me.” John 15:4 (NLT)

Presence doesn’t need to be perfect, it needs to be consistent.

“Be still, and know that I am God!” Psalm 46:10 (NLT)

2. Character Over Comfort

¹⁸“Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then He said to him, ‘Follow me!’”
John 21:18–19 (NIV)

Character grows in the uncomfortable places.

⁷“These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So, when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.” 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

3. Community Over Isolation

Only two times the phrase “charcoal fire” appears in the Bible:

1. The fire where Peter is isolated and denied Jesus. (John 18:18)
2. The fire where Jesus restored him surrounded by his community. (John 21:9)

We are meant to walk out our faith and life with people.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together... but encourage one another.” Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT)