

# DNA: Explore – Your Growing Heart

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## Explore more of God's story and one another's story.

*(Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 139:16, 2 Corinthians 3:2-3)*

## Christ went deeper for us and with us

*(Luke 15:11-32, John 21:15-19)*

## How close do we have to be to Jesus to no longer fail him?

### John 18:15-18, 25-27 (Peter's Denials)

*Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because the disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.*

*Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him. "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.*

## And, what did Jesus do when Peter failed him?

### John 21:15-19 (Jesus Reinstates Peter)

*When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord" he said. "You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time. "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord you know all things, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." 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." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me."*



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How easy is it to say you love someone? But how easy is it to take the steps to put that love into action?

Feed my lambs-

Take care of my sheep-

Feed my sheep-

### **How do YOU disqualify yourself?**

### **Ephesians 1:18-20 (MSG)**

“I ask - ask God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him - endless energy, boundless strength!”

### **ACTION STEPS/APPLICATION?**

How are you EXPLORING more of your relationship with God?

Are there spiritual practices that you have been trying or curious to EXPLORE?

- Prayer
- Journaling
- Fasting
- Reading God’s Word - with your spouse/significant other, a friend, a small group?