



EMPTY PROMISES



¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ 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." ¹⁷ 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."

John 21:15-22



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.”
¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”
²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them.
²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”
²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.”

John 21:15-22



Yes, Lord, you know that I love you

Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?

Feed my lambs

John 21:15-22





Yes, Lord, you know that I love you

Simon son of John, do you love me?

Take care of my sheep



John 21:15-22



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Are there empty promises we've been holding on to that Jesus is asking us to let go of?

Are there ways in which we have settled or disqualified ourselves because of past experiences or failures?

What might it look like to choose to follow Jesus this week?



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