

The Shepherds Call

Bottom Line: Jesus makes me new

Promise:

Mathew 26:30-35 (ESV)

We do this to Jesus too, when we keep repeatedly turning back to sin we say we won't do it again, or we walk past a person we feel the holy spirit telling us to pray for or preach the gospel too, etc...

Jesus knows whether or not we're going to continue this sin.

Letting fear take hold:

Matthew 26:69-74 (ESV)

Simon Peter let his fear of what the world thought or would do to him if they knew he was a follower of Jesus. Letting that fear creep in it caused him to deny Jesus just as Jesus had said.

We break the Lord's heart when we let, in this case fear, or in many other cases sin creep into our life. Whether it's denial like Peter, repeated sin, or whether it's a promise the Lord that we don't keep. It is us saying "my comfort or my flesh is more important than me keeping my word to Jesus".

And every time we keep on with the repeated sin or we don't listen to his word it's like a slap in the face to the Lord.

After we let this Sin or Fear creep its way in we are oftentimes hit with conviction by the Holy spirit or in Peter's case the roosters crow like Jesus had said. This conviction that hit Peter caused him to immediately feel anguish and sorrow.

Called by the Shepherd (Redemption):

John 21:15-17 (ESV)

Peter's renewal was done through action. Jesus asked Peter 3 times do you love me, each time Jesus gave Peter a task to tend his sheep. This was done to show that real forgiveness means active restoration.

Jesus is showing that REAL LOVE REQUIRES ACTION.

If we look back at the first day of VBS the same guy Simon Peter dropped everything to follow Jesus. This was a huge show and action of love to the Lord dropping his family, money, friends, home to serve and follow the Lord.

In the same way Jesus may be calling you to do something to show your love. Faith without works is dead. If you say you love Jesus but you're watching porn every night or you say you love Jesus and you're always gossiping. That's not showing you love Jesus by slapping him in the face with these worldly repeated things. Maybe Jesus is calling you to drop these things, maybe he's asking you to pick up your cross and follow him. Whether its to serve in the church, pray for people, Real love requires action.