

Return to Love from Indifference

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Scripture

John 21:15-19

Key Verses

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
-- John 21:15-17 (NRSV)

Key Takeaways

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Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus asked Peter three times, "do you truly love me?" Why can repetition be a good thing?
2. Who do you know that may be indifferent to the love & purposes of Christ? How can you begin to "feed them?"
3. In what ways do you connect with Peter?
4. What do you think Jesus means by "more than these?"
5. Why is struggle a necessary part of following Christ?

Additional Scripture

2 Peter 1:3-11

Quote

"You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." – Augustine



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