

“QUESTIONS JESUS ASKS: SIMON, DO YOU LOVE ME?”

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JESUS ASKS QUESTIONS TO LEAD US INTO DEEPER TRUST IN HIM.

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.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15)

1. THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR ABILITY TO LOVE.

Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” (Matthew 26:33)

...“Woman, I do not know him.” ...“You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ...“Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” (Luke 22:57-60)

He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved 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 21:16-17)

2. THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO GOD’S FORGIVENESS.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (1 Peter 1:24-25)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.” (John 21:18-19)

3. JESUS SAYS FOLLOW ME NOT ONLY TO DEATH, BUT TO LIFE.

“but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:32)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

<p>BOTTOM LINE: NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES JESUS ASKS, HE LOVES YOU!</p>

GOING DEEPER

1. What claims about your love for God have you made but failed to live up to?
2. Identify when God’s love has been more than you expected.