



Message Date: May 14, 2023

Message Text: John 21:9-19

Message Title: The Love Story of Discipleship

Questions:

1. Read John 13:36-38 and John 21:15-19. How does Jesus show He knows Peter better than Peter knows himself? How did Peter change in the time between these two passages?
2. Read John 18:17-18 & 21:9. The charcoal fire was a sensory reminder of Peter's most significant failure in his relationship with Jesus. What things remind you of your sinfulness and immediately humble you?
3. Have you ever been scared to share your shortcomings with someone or with God because you feared their reaction? How does Jesus demonstrate His unconditional, agape love despite Peter only being capable of friendly, phileo love in that moment?
4. Peter said he would lay down his life for Jesus before denying Him three times. Jesus prophesied Peter would die for Him despite not being fully committed in the moment. When has Jesus met you in your weakness and made you into the person He knew you could be?
5. In verse 17, Jesus gave Peter the vocation to feed His sheep. What responsibility do you feel God has given you? How do you know this is from God?
6. Read John 21:18-19. How does being willing to suffer for Christ affect your decision to follow Him wholeheartedly? What does suffering for Christ look like in your life?
7. Because we truly believe Jesus is our model of how to live, in what ways do our lives need to change to reflect our desire to follow Him?

THE Love Story

OF DISCIPLESHIP

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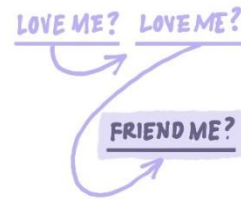
1 The Fire v9

The smell of a coal fire with Jesus cooking fish was intentional – this moment was designed as a RESTORATION moment for Peter to counter Peter's last coal fire experience – BETRAYAL.



2 The Exchange v15-17

"Do you AGAPE me?" Jesus shifts to asking "Do you PHILEO me?" Peter if he is a friend? Jesus is saying that Peter as friend is enough.



3 The Surprising Accommodation v17

Jesus starts with Peter as FRIEND and commissions him to lead the disciples. FORGIVENESS followed by a PURPOSE



4 The Curiform Aspect of following Jesus v18-19

The experience of Peter is that of suffering, the suffering of Jesus.



5 The Companionship of the One True Human v19

In our following of Jesus and our sufferings for Jesus we also gain His COMPANIONSHIP and ENCOURAGEMENT.