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“Do You Love Me?”

John 21:15-25

“Lord, You know everything. You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

“More Than These”

Even though they all fall away, I will not: Mark 14:26-31

A humbler Peter now confesses his love

A Quick Comment on the Greek Language

The play of the two Greek words for love: “phileo” and “agapao”

Based on John’s usage, the terms are interchangeable synonyms (see chart)

The Threefold Confession

Wiping away the guilt and remorse of the threefold denial

Such tact and mercy to not even name the offense

God’s grand redemption plan

Not just removing sin (with its guilt and consequences)

God’s plan is to **make us good**

Quotes from George MacDonald: “[God] is easy to please, hard to satisfy.”

The analogy of the profanity-tagged wall becoming a mural

The weed infiltrated grass becoming a thick luscious lawn

Peter is not just getting pardoned from his failure

He is now being launched into his destiny as a good shepherd

A shepherd after the image of the Shepherd

See the mature Peter speak about what it means to be a shepherd: 1 Peter 5:2-4

And what’s more, his failure becomes the launching pad for that destiny

Because failure can be a catalyst for humility and a spirit of dependence

God’s specialty is turning evil around to ultimately serve His good purposes

What Does Loving Jesus Look Like?

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep

Loving God BY loving others

Logically the first precedes the second

But the practice of the first ALWAYS ends up an an expression of the second

Love God = worship Him, surrender to Him, obey Him

Obeying God = loving and serving others as if they were Jesus: Matt 26:31-46

What About This Man?

The prediction of Peter's martyrdom as a gift: vs. 18-19

After hearing a prediction of his eventual martyrdom, Peter looks at John

What is that to you? You follow me.

The wonderful difference between responsibility and love

I am only responsible for myself: my decisions, commitments, actions

Each person gives that account to Jesus

Instead of seeking to control others, I am responsible for me, and to love others

Intertwined Uses of Phileo and Agapao in John (from George Beasley Murray)

Relationship Described	Agapao	Phileo
God's love for man	3:16: for God so loved the world	16:27: for the Father Himself loves you
Father's love for the Son	3:35: for the Father loves the Son	5:20: for the Father loves the Son
Jesus' love for humans	11:5: Jesus loved Martha, her sister...	11:3: Lord, the one you love is ill
Love of humans for Jesus	8:42: If God were your father, you would love me	16:27: because you have loved Me