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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Do You Love Me?

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A Follower of Jesus Unfollowed but Re-followed Jesus.

The Backstory:

One day, a man named Simon and some other fishermen had been fishing all night in the Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:5). They'd not caught anything, when Jesus gave an unsolicited fishing tip (Luke 5:4-5). After instructing them to cast their nets into the deep water, they caught a boatload of fish (Luke 5:4-7). Jesus then said to Simon, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people" (Matt. 4:18-20, Mark 1:17). In addition, Jesus told Simon that he would be called Peter, which means "Rock" (John 1:42). And that was when, Peter left everything and became one of the 12 disciples, a follower of Jesus.

"Peter could be brash, impetuous, impulsive, and vacillating. His passion often got ahead of his head. There were times when Peter was a windbag, a blowhard. He made these unnecessary—as well as empty—boasts. In the upper room, Peter bragged to Jesus that he would lay down his life for Jesus (John 13:37)." —John E. Johnson

The Story:

Feed My Sheep

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 21:15-17 (NIV)

Follow Me

¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" John 21:18-19 (NIV)

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them....²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me." John 21:20a-22 (NIV)

Your Story:

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." Revelation 3:20 (NIV)

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Have you ever quit a team, class, or job? Why did you leave? In hindsight, was it a good decision?
- 2) Would you call yourself a follower of Jesus, a former follower, curious about following Jesus, or something else?
- 3) In the sermon, the question was asked, "**How do we love Jesus?**" The answer was, "We love Jesus by feeding his sheep and following him." What would it look like for you to do those two things?
- 4) Journey Church's purpose statement is: "**Together, we're leading people to become all-in followers of Jesus.**" How do you envision your role in our church fulfilling that statement?
- 5) How would you answer the question, "**What's your next step?**" in the following growth path? For more information, go to: <https://journeybozeman.com/about/>



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