

## John 21:15-25: Do You Love Me?

1. (15-19) Jesus inquires about Peter's love.

[Matthew 26:33](#) - *Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."*

"Peter, do you (agape) love me more than fish/fishing?" "Peter, do you (agape) love me?" "Peter, am I your friend?" "I am your friend?" "You know all things." "Feed My Lambs, Tend My sheep, Feed My Sheep. Follow Me."

Those questions must've made Peter very uncomfortable knowing his failures; trying to kill Malcus, denying Jesus three times, futile fishing and many others.

Peter's love for God meant he MUST give himself to the serve and follow God. Each time we fail Jesus restores us and challenges us to set our eyes on the work ahead. Jesus informs Peter that his life was no longer his own (as was when he was younger), but was going to end on the Cross, upside down.

2. (20-23) What about John? Instead of worrying about what He will do or is doing with other believers, our focus should be on His command to **Follow Me**.

3. (24-25) God's WORD is accurate and His WORK can't fit books.

[Deuteronomy 6:4-5](#), [Mark 12:29-30](#) - *'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'*

[Revelation 2:2-4](#) - *"I know your works, your labour, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; "and you have persevered and have patience, and have laboured for My name's sake and have not become weary. "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

[Philippians 3:12-14](#) - *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

[John 14:15](#) - *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.*