

“Forgiveness, Restoration, Commission & Purpose!”

John 21:15-19

Recall from last week at the **Breakfast with Jesus**,
His Followers were **Celebrating Being in His Presence**.
During this encounter **Jesus Fully Revealed Himself** to them,
And started the process of handing off **His Divine Mission** to them.

Q: *“What Is Happening In This Conversation Between
Jesus & Peter As The Other Disciples Listen In?”*

- 1) Jesus Forgives Peter Three Separate Times - Once For Every Time,
He Had Betrayed & Denied Him!**
- 2) Jesus Restores Peter After His Betrayal & Denial Of Him As His Lord
On The Night Jesus Was Arrested!**
- 3) Jesus Commissions Peter To Be His Ambassador & Witness To The World!**
- 4) Jesus Gives Peter Purpose Bringing Direction & Meaning To His Life!**

Peter’s **First Betrayal & Denial** Of Jesus
Was To A Person That Was **A Total Stranger** To Peter
Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter,
“You’re not also one of this Man’s disciples, are you?” Peter replied, **“I Am Not!”**

John 18:17

Jesus’ **First Forgiveness & Restoration** Of Peter

Verse 15: So, when they had eaten breakfast, **Jesus** said to Simon Peter, *“Simon, son of Jonah,
Do You Love Me More Than These?”* Peter replied, *“Yes, Lord; You know that I Love You!”* **Jesus**
said to him, **“Feed My Lambs!”**

Peter’s Commission - Instructed To Evangelize Lost People & Bring Them Into The Fold Of God!

Peter’s Direction & Purpose Is A Two-Fold Love Of God & Others

- 1) Jesus Desires Me To Love Him More Than Anyone Or Anything In My Life!**
- 2) Jesus Desires Me To Love The Lost At Any Cost In His Name!**

Luke 19:10

Lukan Parable

Now all the tax collectors & the sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to Him. Both the Pharisees & the Scribes began to grumble, saying, *“This man receives sinners & eats with them.”* So Jesus told them this parable, saying, *“What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep & has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture & go after the one which is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends & his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”*

Luke 15:1-7

Peter’s **Second Betrayal & Denial** Of Jesus

Was To A Person Who Was **An Everyday Acquaintance** Of Peter!

Now Simon Peter stood & warmed himself. Therefore, they said to him,
“You’re not also one of His disciples, are you?” Peter denied it & said, **“I Am Not!”**

John 18:25

Jesus' [Second Forgiveness](#) & [Restoration](#) Of Peter

Verse 16: Jesus said to Peter again a second time, "[Simon, son of Jonah, Do You Love Me?](#)" Peter replied, "Yes, Lord; You know that I Love You!" Jesus said to him, "[Tend My Sheep!](#)"

[Peter's Commission](#) - Instructed To Care For Everyone In His Community.

[Peter's Direction](#) & [Purpose](#) Is A Two-Fold Love Of God & Others:

- 1) Jesus Desires Me To Love Him More Than Anyone Or Anything In My Life!
- 2) Jesus Desires Me To Love Everyone With A Servant's Heart In His Name!

[Matthew 20:28](#) & [Mark 10:45](#)

[Matthean & Marken Combined Parable](#)

**"Jesus was going through all the cities & villages, teaching in their synagogues & proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, & healing every kind of disease & every kind of sickness" ... **"When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, & He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; & He began to teach them many things" ... *Then He said to His Disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." ... **When it was already quite late, His Disciples came to Him & said, "This place is desolate & it is already quite late; send the people away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside & villages & buy themselves something to eat." But He answered them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said to Him, "Shall we go & spend two hundred denarii on bread & give them something to eat?" And He replied, "How many loaves do you have? Go & look!" And when they found out, they said, "Five loaves & two fish." And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds & fifties. And He took the five loaves & the two fish, & looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food & broke the loaves & He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them; & He divided up the two fish among them all. They all ate & all were satisfied, & they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, & also of the fish. There were five thousand men who ate that day."*

* [Matthew 9:35-37](#) & ** [Mark 6:34-44](#)

Peter's [Third Betrayal](#) & [Denial](#) Of Jesus

Was To A Person [Who Was Personally Injured](#) By Peter!

One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him (Malchus) whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "[Did I not see you in the garden with Him?](#)" Peter again denied it, "[I Am Not!](#)"

And immediately a rooster crowed. [John 18:26-27](#)

Jesus' [Third Forgiveness](#) & [Restoration](#) Of Peter

Verse 17: Jesus said to Peter a third time, "[Simon, son of Jonah, Do You Love Me?](#)"

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "[Do You Love Me?](#)" Peter replied, "Lord, You know all things; & You know that I Love You!" Jesus said to him, "[Feed My Sheep!](#)"

[Peter's Commission](#) - Instructed To Care For Everyone Who Has Been Injured By Him Or The Church (Us) In Anger, Pride, Selfishness, Or Lack Of Concern & Care.

[Peter's Direction](#) & [Purpose](#) Is A Two-Fold Love Of God & Others:

- 1) Jesus Desires Me To Love Him More Than Anyone Or Anything In My Life!
- 2) Jesus Desires Me To Love The Broken, Abused, & Cast Off From Family & Community! Especially Those I Or The Church Has Directly Hurt, Abused, Or Alienated.

[Matthew 5:23-24](#), [Mark 11:25](#), & [Luke 6:37](#)

Hear The Teaching Of Paul The Apostle!

“But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, & dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature & all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, & be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him. In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, & He lives in all of us! Since God chose you to be the Holy People He Loves, you must clothe yourselves with tender-hearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, & patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, & forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts! For as members of One Body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach & counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives. Sing psalms, hymns, & spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” **Colossians 3:8-17**

Obedient & Faithful Servant

No Matter The Cost – No Questions Asked!

Verses 18 – 19: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself & walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, & another will gird you & carry you where you do not wish.”* **This Jesus Prophesied, Signifying by what Death Peter would Glorify God.** And when He had spoken this, **Jesus said to Peter, “Follow Me!”**

Peter Died A Martyrs Death Hung Upside Down On A Cross At His Humble Request

Evidential Sources: Eusebius, Clement Of Rome, Ignatius Of Loyola, Irenaeus Of Lyon, Tertullian Of Rome, & Dionysius Of Corinth

Jesus' Single Mission That Morning Long Ago & Today In Our Hearing Was To Offer Forgiveness, Restore Our Relationships, Commission Us To Serve, Give Direction To Our Lives For Ministry & Give Us A Purpose Greater Than Ourselves!

Jesus Did This For Peter & The Other Six Disciples Present, Jesus Did That For Me, Jesus Did That For You, Jesus Desires To Do This Through Us, His Faithful & Obedient Children!

Jesus Forgives Me, So That I Will Tell Others How Wonderful It Is To Be Forgiven; So That I May Share With Them The Good News, That **They Too May Be Forgiven!**

Jesus Restored Me & Given Me A New Life In Him;

So That I May Offer **Them A Restored New Life** In Him As Well!

Jesus Commissioned Me To Serve Him & Others In His Name;

So That I May **Commission Others** To Serve In His Name Too!

Jesus Gave Me Direction & Purpose

In Belonging No Longer To Myself But To Him;

So That I May Help To Give **Direction & Purpose To Others Lives**

That They Might Live No Longer For Themselves But For Him As Well!

Once Again Hear The Teaching Of Paul The Apostle!

“For the love of Christ compels us because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; & He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them & rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh! Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, & has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, & has committed to us the word of reconciliation! Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him, Who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2nd Corinthians 5:13-21

**Paul Also Taught Us As Believers & Followers Of God
That Each Of Us Has A Unique Set Of Gifts, Skills, & Talents Given To Us
By The Abiding Holy Spirit In Order For Us To Perform
Our Own Unique Mission & Purpose Individually & Corporately - Together!**

One Final Time Let Us Hear The Teaching Of Paul The Apostle!

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, & individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them. If prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

Romans 12:4-8

**This Morning Here In Our Presence
Jesus Is Calling Us Again Individually**

"Come & Follow Me!"

**Jesus Is Also Calling Us Again
Corporately - All Together**

"Come & Follow Me!"