

The Restoration of Simon Peter

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A servant girl noticed [Peter] in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" But **Peter denied it**. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "**No, man, I'm not!**" Peter retorted. About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." **But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about."** And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, **you will deny three times that you even know me.**" And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

Luke 22:56-62 NLT

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "**Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?**" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him. **Jesus repeated the question:** "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you." "Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said. **A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"** Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

John 21:15-17 NLT

Restoration looks like. . .

1. Having the Hard Conversation.

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."

John 21:15 NLT

Watch yourselves. If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to say, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

Luke 17:3-4 BSB

2. Reconciliation instead of Revenge.

Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

Luke 22:61b-62a NLT

...Jesus asked the question a third time.

John 21:17b NLT

3. Getting back On Mission.

He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "**Then feed my sheep.**

John 21:17 NLT

Then Jesus told him, "**Follow me.**"

John 21:19 NLT

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