

THE CONTEXT

An exhausting, failed night of fishing

A miraculous catch of fish

A subtle reminder of their desperate need for Jesus

An invitation by the Lord to contribute

A whiff of denial

A meal served by the One who came to serve

A moment to rest



BEYOND THE GRAVE:
I CAN BEGIN AGAIN

John 21:15-23



VSS. 15-17

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”

A question asked in various forms three times

The aroma of the charcoal fire already reminiscent of Peter's denial. Was Jesus' threefold inquiry a throwback to that as well?



“More than these?”

More than the other disciples love me?

Matt. 26:31-35

More than the fish (the old life)?

It's not made clear, but... Luke 14:26-27



“Feed and care for my lambs/sheep”

(Gr.) To shepherd/tend. Implies the whole office of the shepherd, guiding, guarding, folding of the flock as well as leading it to nourishment

See 1 Peter 5:1-4

DEFINING LOVE

AGAPE/ AGAPAO “indicates a direction of the will, and suggests finding one’s joy in something”

Benevolent love, not shown by giving what the other desires but by giving what they truly need

See John 3:16, Rom. 12:9-21; 1 Cor. 13

PHILEO “brotherly love” “to share common interests”
“to be a friend to” “to be fond of”



Questions 1 and 2 : Agape
Response : Phileo

Question 3 : Phileo
Response : Phileo



VSS. 18-19

Peter has another chance to serve, but he must be mindful of the cost of following/serving Jesus

Once again, Luke 14:25-33

“Follow me.”



VSS. 20-23

“Lord, what about him?”

“...what is that to you? You must follow Me.”

The exact ‘look’ of our life and ministry may vary greatly from another.

We are called to follow faithfully.