

Feed My Lambs!

John 21:1-17 (NKJV) drips with the loving compassion of Jesus for those who are hurting. Peter, a disciple of Jesus, was more a ram than a lamb throughout his life. But he encountered Jesus on the shore after a fruitless night of fishing. Now he sat with Him eating bread and fish prepared by the Son of God. Peter sat with One he denied knowing. He sat without hearing condemnation, eating food he did not deserve yet prepared for him to enjoy. Peter did not apologize to Jesus for denying Him, nor did he fault Jesus because He did not do what Peter expected. Neither did Jesus tell Peter He forgave him because it was already done. Jesus simply asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter answered affirmatively, but the third time grieved him and replied, "Lord, you know I love you." Jesus was showing Peter that He loved him through Peter's love for Him. Jesus showed Peter not to focus on himself, but to minister to and love the young, mature, and old using His love for them. We are not to focus on our own hurt. Instead, we focus on Jesus while helping others get through their hurt.

Beloved, when you know how much Jesus loves you, you will realize how much you love Him. Shalom!!

Love Life Ministry Touching People with the Healing Power of God's Love[©]

Scripture quoted or referenced is from *The Holy Bible, New King James Version*, Copyright $^{\circ}$ 1979, 1980, 1982, 1997 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by Permission. All rights reserved