

SERMON TITLE

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Pastor Q · October 11, 2026

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:15–17 · NIV

COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT DEFINED BY HURT OR FAILURE, BUT BY FORGIVENESS, RESPONSIBILITY, AND RESTORATION.

FORGIVENESS REFUSES TO LET PAIN HAVE THE FINAL WORD

HOW YOU DO ANYTHING IS HOW YOU DO EVERYTHING.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Psalms 147:3 · NIV

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Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 · NIV

RECONCILIATION BEGINS WHEN WE OWN OUR PART

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

John 21:16 · NIV

The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:61–62 · NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3–4 · NIV

RESTORATION MAKES ROOM FOR A NEW FUTURE

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JESUS DIDN'T ASK PETER THREE TIMES BECAUSE HE DIDN'T BELIEVE HIM — HE WAS ADDRESSING HIS GUILT AND SHAME AND SPEAKING THE CALLING BACK OVER HIS LIFE.

FEED MY LAMBS. TAKE CARE OF MY SHEEP. FEED MY SHEEP.

THE SAME JESUS REFUSES TO LEAVE US IN OUR MESS — REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES WE'VE MESSED UP OR RUN FROM HIM, HE SEEKS AFTER US AND DRAWS US TO HIMSELF.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 · NIV