

THE GRACE THAT CALLS US BACK

PRECEPT

JOHN 21:15-17

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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.”

PROMISE

Did you know that we can fail God in our everyday life? The truth is, the world will fail us, our parents and children will fail us, and we will all fail each other because human failure is universal, but it's not final. As humans, we're not always gonna say the right words, we're not always gonna give our best, and we're not always gonna care like we should because human failure is universal, but it's not final. In John 21:17, Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” This act of grace shows that Jesus' love and forgiveness are not contingent on perfection but are offered freely, even after betrayal, even after our failures. Jesus reminds us that He is here to redeem rather than to reject. This shows that God uses flawed and imperfect people to fulfill significant callings.

EXAMINE YOUR HEART. Reflect on the areas where you've failed God and feel distant from Him. Just like Peter, bring your failures to Jesus in prayer, trusting His grace.

SEEK FORGIVENESS PROMPTLY. Don't let guilt or shame rot inside you like Judas did. Confess your sins to God, your Life Group Leader, and reconcile with the people you had a misunderstanding with.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH GRACE-FILLED COMMUNITY. Just like Peter, connect with us here at Life Community Church because we are here for you. Connect to your Life Group and trusted friends who can encourage you to stay close to Jesus; someone who will not judge you when you confess your sins.

LIVE OUT YOUR RESTORATION. Share your testimony of God's grace to inspire others. Like Peter, who was commissioned to feed the sheep, use your 2nd chance to serve God and serve others.

PRACTICE

1. **Calling.** When you've made a bad decision, did you run away from Jesus or towards Him?

2. **His grace.** Have you failed or made a bad decision recently? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Healing

- We lift up those in need of God's healing touch. May they have comfort and restoration.

II. Families

- Pray for protection from harm and discord and may homes be filled with love and joy.

III. Strength

- Pray that He may grant us the strength we need in our everyday lives.

IV. Giving

- May we selflessly and sacrificially give to those underprivileged and in need.

V. Peace

- May the Lord grant us peace, and guide our steps in the way of peace.

VI. Joy

- May God fill our hearts with joy that overflows, even in the midst of challenges.

VII. Direction

- Seek the Lord for guidance, and divine wisdom as we set our goals this year.