Eternity in Our Hearts

"From Denial to Complete Dependence – The Restoration of Peter" - John 21:15-19

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The seven disciples' encounter with Jesus, on the shore of Galilee, fulfills an earlier teaching of Jesus found in Matthew 16:18. God's main purpose of this meeting was one of restoration, primarily in restoring Peter. Peter would be the chosen one who would lead the group of twelve to do something that would shake up the entire world – enter the building of the Divine institution of the church. *~Pastor Alan*

I. The _____ on Peter: Three Denials, Three Confessions – vs. 15-17
   a. "*More than* _____*?"* – v. 15
   b. Revealing Peter's mission: "_____ my sheep." – v. 16
   c. The _____ of Simon Peter – v. 17
      i. Only one kind of _____.
      ii. Jesus knows the _____ picture.
      iii. Ministry for the _____ haul.

II. Costly _____ – vs. 18-19
   a. Simon Peter: This is your _____! – v. 18
   b. "_____ *Me!*" – v. 19

III. Takeaways
   a. "*Do you love me more than these?*" (v. 15) The question implies more than _____ or obligation.
   b. Past failures do not disqualify us from future _____, nor do they define who we are.
   c. We are called to trust in God's plan for our lives even if it _____ to difficult circumstances. Embrace God's will and plan for you!
   d. "*Follow Me*," is a call to _____. This is what being a true disciple of Christ looks like.

After this interaction with Jesus, Peter's life and ministry, moving forward, bears witness that he was a changed man. Once so thoughtless, impulsive, and cowardly, Peter would now glorify the same Lord he once denied.

~Jeremiah Study Bible Notes, p. 1480