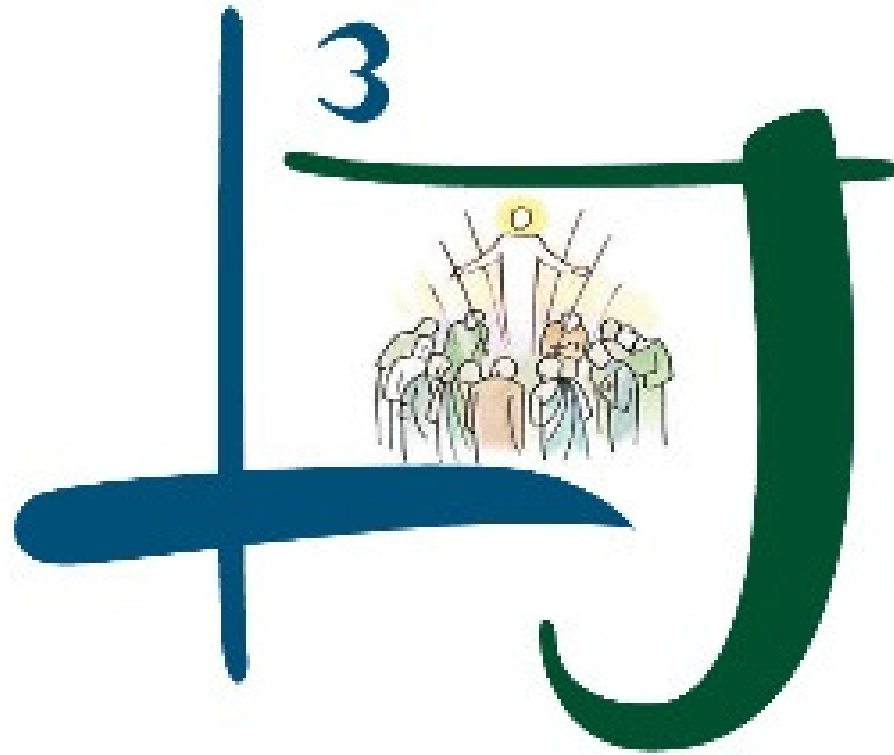


Learning to Love Like Jesus

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 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 22:54-62





Loving People That Let you Down

Have Realistic Expectations

John 13:37-38

**Peter said, "Lord, I will lay down my life for you."
Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your
life for me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster
crows, you will disown me three times!"**



Believe The Best Of Their Heart

Luke 22:31-32

Peter, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you Peter, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”



YOU Take The First Step Toward Restoration

Mark 16:1-7

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"



Forgive...And Clearly Communicate You Have Forgiven

John 21:1-17 Pg 769

- Jesus specifically asked for Peter
- Jesus reminded Peter of the first time they met
- Jesus had Peter state his love 3x



Express Your Belief In A Shared Future

John 21:17b

“Jesus said, Feed my sheep.”

- Don't withdraw
- Allow people close
- Trust them with what you value
- Vision with them a shared future



Easter Is All About God Loving US When We Let Him Down

1. He had realistic expectations
2. He believed the best of us
3. He took the first step
4. He forgave us
5. He sees a shared future with those that know Him

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.



Two Responses

1. Reach out to someone who let you down.
2. Respond to God reaching out to you.

