

3rd Week of March
Jesus Who Restored by Love

■ **Text:** John 21:15~17 (March 15 text)

■ **Bottom line:** Jesus heals our shame and gives us a mission.

≡ **1. Prayer**

Thank you, God, for bringing our family together in worship. Please make it a time for us to be strengthened in our faith in the truth and to find true comfort and peace in love.

≡ **2. Praise**

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≡ **3. The Word**

Read John 21:15~17 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

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¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

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Understanding Text

When Jesus was taken away, Peter denied knowing Jesus. However, after meeting the resurrected Jesus, Peter confessed to him from the bottom of my heart that he loves Him. Jesus didn't rebuke Peter for his shameful past. With three questions and three times of answers He affirmed His love for Him and entrusted Him with a mission.

Understanding the text for leaders

The resurrected Jesus came to the lake of Galilee (Tiberias) to meet His disciples. This is the third time Jesus visited His disciples after His resurrection. Jesus told His disciples to cast their nets on the right side of the boat because they hadn't caught fish all night. The disciples did as they were told, and they were able to catch a lot of fish. This reminds me of the first time I met Jesus (Luke 5:4~6). The disciples recognized Jesus, and Peter jumped into the water and approached Jesus, who was waiting for breakfast on land. However, Peter (18:17, 25~27), who denied knowing Jesus three times, did not have the face to see Jesus' face. After eating, Jesus asked Peter to heal and restore him. "Do you love me more than these men?" Jesus asked Peter the same question three times and gave him a chance to recover. And He gave Peter, who confessed His true love, a mission, saying, "Feed my flock." There is no one who cannot recover before Jesus. Jesus gives us a second chance in spite of our mistakes and mistakes and restores us as mission-fulfilling people.

4. Sharing

1) When Jesus asked Peter three times, how did Peter feel? (verses 15~17)

Upper Grades

What is it that Jesus asked Peter three times? (verses 15~17)

Lower Grades

What did Peter say to Jesus' question about whether he loved me? (verses 15~17)

Question Guide

Three times Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" This can be seen as giving Peter, who denied knowing Jesus three times, a chance to restore his relationship with Jesus. Share how Peter felt when he answered Jesus' question.

Comments for Leaders

Peter would never have had the luxury of seeing Jesus. When they saw Jesus being taken away, they felt threatened for their personal safety, so they acted like they didn't know Jesus at all and denied Him. Even though he shouted that he would follow Jesus everywhere (13:36~37), he denied Jesus three times when he faced a moment of crisis. When the crowd, Peter wept, remembering what Jesus had foretold (13:38). That's why I was happy to see the resurrected Jesus again, but I couldn't wait to see Him. Peter was ashamed, It must have been a sinful thing. But the loving Jesus gave Peter another chance. He restored Peter's mistake by making him confess his love for Jesus three times with lips that he had denied three times. Jesus took Peter's confession and said, "Feed my sheep." He gave me a mission. Although Peter made a mistake, Jesus gave him another chance to lead the Lord's flock and become the leader of the super-church.

2) Think of a time when you made a mistake but realized it through the Word and repented. How did I feel at that time? How is that affecting me now?

■ Upper Grades

Remembering the love of Jesus, who forgives you for any wrongdoing, express your love for Jesus in three or more sentences .

■ Lower Grades

Say "I love you, Jesus" three times to Jesus, who loves you no matter what

□ Question Guide

You've probably made mistakes or made mistakes in your life. Share how God has dealt with you through your mistakes and wrongdoings in front of God and in front of others. My own failure story can be an opportunity to encourage others, and in the case of young children, there may not be any big mistakes or failures. In such a case, please remember Jesus, who forgives us in any situation, and support us so that we can repent and have faith to turn around.

□ Comments for Leaders

Despite Peter's fatal mistake, Jesus restored him and gave him the mission to lead the saints of the early Church. No matter how great a mistake we make, there is no sin that Jesus cannot forgive. Jesus embraces and loves His children to the end (13:1). He is the one who keeps those who belong to Him to the end and does not lose them (17:12). I want you to remember the love of Jesus, who forgives you for any failure or mistake, and who always comes to you first to meet you. And I want you to confess your true love to Jesus. On top of my confession of love, the Lord will give me a new mission.

≡ 5. Be grateful

Thank the Lord for forgiving me for any mistakes and giving me another chance.

≡ 6. Prayer

Thank you, God, for treating us with unfailing love despite our weaknesses. Let us confess our true love to You every day .

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer.
