

Sermon John 21:15-19

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Peter:

- Impulsive, head strong Peter has looked into the abyss of his own heart.
- He is the one who recommends going fishing – no just hanging around – need to be doing something.
- He is the one who said if all fall away, he won't (Matthew 26:33,35).
- Jesus waits till after dinner, but still does it in front of all the other disciples. Three times denied, three times asked.
- No long Cephas, Peter the Rock, but Simon son of John.

Agapeo and Phileo:

- In the NIV apagao rendered by truly love, phileo by just love.
- We probably can't read too much into this.
- Phileo – to have love or affection for someone or something based on association (Louw and Nida)
- Agapao – To have love or affection for someone or something based on sincere appreciation and high regard (Louw and Nida)
- Must be noted though that phileo is never used in commands to love one another. Makes sense – in general you don't know everyone in a church or in the Christian community

A Real Life Story:

- The story of George
- Abuse – 1 in 4 Maori females will be physically or sexually abused before the age of 15. Not always unwelcome.
- Pornography – 1 in 3 males will either have been, be or will become addicted to some or other degree to pornography. Being a Christian probably increases your chances of getting hooked. 1.5 Billion dollar industry.
- Soap operas – The psychological impact.
- Affairs – 6 weeks.

What about you?

- Four o'clock in the morning syndrome.
- What is your deepest fear or fears that other people will find out.
- Yet Jesus asks - Do you love me?

Failure is never final with God



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