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“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.” (John 21:15)

From These to Those!

I was awakened early one morning with the Scripture found in John chapter 21 going over in my soul. As I studied and pondered upon what had transpired on the third appearance of Jesus to His disciples after His resurrection; I was convicted about the “these” in my life which were interfering with the “those” God attempts to focus His Children upon.

Brothers and Sisters my desire with all of the “Thank You Letters” is to stay focused on what needs to be accomplished rather than feel contented with what has been done. I am very thankful for how each of you supports this ministry and I am not after your money but after your hearts. I desire to focus your attention on the “Those” whom Jesus suffered for. Those who are in need of a Savior for salvation or encouragement during difficult times in ones’ life! I myself face adversities and trails at times and fail to fulfill my calling and go fishing for the carnal things in life. But thank God for His tender mercy on all of us to provide the meal, the love and the instruction to focus us back on the “those” He died for; even when the instruction is in the form of tender rebuke and when our Lord shares with us the difficult future which lies ahead in the ministry for those who obey His calling. Peter did not expect when he said “I go fishing” to his friends and fellow disciples that they would fish all night without catching one fish.

Our failure in life sometimes focuses us Believers back upon what we are all called to do: labor for those who are in need and not for our own selfish pleasure. Feed my lambs! Yes, Brother Skinner goes fishing at times when I should be diligent here at the Bible Plant. Sometimes I find myself occupied with my own desires and not focused on others. Like Peter, asking the Lord: what about this other man instead of seeking strength to face what is ahead for me in the ministry. Sometimes I focus and complain about how carnal the current church world is around me but fail to support “those” right next to me. Feed my sheep! I go fishing and many follow my carnal decision and we all toil without any success! Forgive us God! Help us God!

I do not know what the “These” were Jesus exposed to Peter. Was it the one hundred fifty three fish? Possibly. Was it the boat, net, oars, and other fishing paraphilia? Was it the baked fish and bread Jesus had prepared for them? Was it Peter’s companions who went fishing with him? But I do know what the “Those” were: “Feed my Lambs, Feed my Sheep, Feed my Sheep.”

Jesus was reminding Peter (as an individual) that his focus should be on what God’s focus is upon!
“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in

him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16-17)

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” (John 15:12-14) “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” (1 Timothy 1:15)

Please pray for Brother Skinner and one another that we keep our priority focused on those things Jesus was exposing to Peter and the rest of His disciples while inviting them to follow Him! You all know it is not an easy road to tread and one where many faint along the way being tempted with the things of this world. None of us have made it home yet and there is an enemy who offered Jesus all the kingdoms of this world for those whom (sheep) He came to save! But He refused and traveled on to His cross. I do not know what lies ahead for each of us but I know it will be worth it all to stay on the straight and narrow way until we get home where “these” things of this world will not be present!!

*“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (THESE) And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee **these things**; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. (THOSE) I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, (THESE) but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; (THOSE) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. <The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.>” (1 Timothy 6:7-21)*

*“So when they had dined, (After Church) Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs**. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep**. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, **Follow me**.” (John 21:15-19)*

Thank you for following Him,

Jack M. Skinner

Lovest Thou Me (More Than These)?

Bill Gaither

John 21

*Modern times have brought us many blessings
People live in wealth and luxury
But the Master asks this question
Lovest thou me, lovest thou me, more than these?*

CHORUS

*Lovest thou me, more than these my child?
What will, will your answer be?
Oh precious Lord, I love Thee more than all of these
More than fame
More than wealth
More than the word*

*I love Thee more than this old world could offer
All sinful follies I deny for Thee
My love, my life, my all, I pledge Thee
I love thee Lord, I love thee Lord, more than these
More than these*

CHORUS

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What will, will your answer be?
Oh precious Lord, I love Thee more than all of these
More than fame
More than wealth
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Dallas, Texas at night



“For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out:

and it was night.” (John 13:29-30)

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