

JANUARY 21

**“CHRISTIANITY IS NOT SOMETHING
YOU LIVE IN YOUR HEAD,
IT IS A LIFE YOU LIVE.”**

READ

John 21:15-17

Christianity is action. It is movement. It is investment. It reaches out. It touches. It feels. It loves. Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love Me?” He wasn’t asking if Peter had feelings for Him, He was asking, “Are you willing to pay a price and invest in what I’ve said? Will you be there when the feeling is gone?” And Peter was grieved that after answering two questions about love, Jesus had to ask the third time. Jesus told him, “This is how you show Me you love Me: take care of My sheep, tend and feed them. That’s how you love Me. You don’t bring Me the gifts; you take them to somebody who needs them. You stand in the face of people who haven’t bathed in weeks and you give them what you have. You don’t reach out to the sweet and the nice; it’s the dirty and the helpless that I am after. And if you really love Me, you won’t just go to the temple and bring Me an offering. You will go and get in the middle of My sheep and feed them.”

PRAY

Jesus, if I say I love You, but don’t feed Your sheep, I am a hypocrite. You are a redeemer. Since I have been redeemed, I want to reach out with Your love.

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