

Volume 6, Day 3: Is Jesus Your First Love?

Have you felt the hurt of the Lord to the place where the real sensitivity of your life is lodged? The devil never hurts there, neither sin nor human affection hurts there, nothing goes through to that place but the word of God. Peter was awakening to the fact that in the real true center of his personal life he was devoted to Jesus, and he began to see what the patient questioning meant. There was not the slightest strand of delusion left in Peter's mind. He never could be deluded again.

There was no room for passionate utterance, no room for exhilaration or sentiment. It was a revelation to him to realize how much he did love the Lord, and with amazement he exclaimed, "Lord, You know all things!" Notice that Peter did not say, "Look at this!" to confirm it. Peter was beginning to discover that there was no one in heaven or earth beside Jesus Christ; but he did not know it until the probing, hurting questions of the Lord came. The Lord's questions always reveal me to myself.

The patient directness of Jesus Christ with Peter! Our Lord never asks questions until the right time. Jesus will get us into a corner where He will hurt us with His undeviating questions, and we will realize that we do love Him far more deeply than any profession can ever show. Otherwise we will face the fact that Jesus is not our first love. And, to be sure, we cannot effectively communicate to others something we do not possess! Reflect on your daily consistent actions and attitudes. In them lies the irrefutable evidence of the objects of our genuine love!

The heart is the only organ with which we can know and experience love. Exercise it frequently. The more you receive of God's love the more you can offer to others. And it is only God's love in the Holy Spirit within you that will draw others to God!

My Confirming Scriptures:

My Aligning Experiences:

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