

"I LOVE YOU, MAN!"

A Sermon By

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Later the disciples come to realize that Jesus was telling them that He was God's sacrifice of love for their sins and shortcomings.

CLOSING Back to that post-resurrection encounter where Jesus asks Peter that simple question, "Peter...do you love Me?" Peter didn't answer with a meaningless, "Hey, I love you, man!" He simply answered, "You know that I love you". And Simon Peter showed his love for Christ in his life from that day on....

I like Warren Wiersbe's description of the IMPACT of that question in Simon Peter's life. He writes,

"At one time....Peter had wayward feet, but Andrew brought him to Jesus. And then one night, Peter had some 'wet feet' because He was walking on the water. Then he had washed feet when Jesus knelt before him and washed his dusty, dirty feet. He had wandering feet when he denied the Lord....but later he had willing feet."

And then Wiersbe adds the words of St. Paul...

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace" (Romans 10: 15) And then Wiersbe asks the reader, "What kind of feet do you have?"

What kind of feet, indeed! If somehow Jesus came and confronted you with the question He put to Peter that day long ago....."Peter, do you love Me?" How would you answer?...friend, there's really only one way to know and that is to check and see in what direction your feet are pointed....hopefully, in the direction that Christ would have us walk! "Follow Me" He said to Peter...

PRAYER Make us sensitive to Your presence and to Your nearness in these moments, O God....search us and wrestle with us in the dark and hidden corners of our lives....and renew us and help us always to walk the talk with Christ, in whom we have come to see life's highest hope as well as to experience its deepest meaning in Him. Point our feet in the direction of Jesus. Amen.