

# Bona Fide- Love wins over the cruelest of heart.

## Sermon Notes

April 4, 2021

### Peter's Saturday evening contemplations about Thursday night. **John 13**

- Jesus' new command to be known as people who love.
- Jesus showing love beyond comprehension in washing their feet.
- What is this new covenant?

### Recalling his sermon: God's type of love is not limited. **Matthew 5:43-48**

- Love your enemy. (44a)
  - Doesn't stop at avoiding retaliation.
  - It means truly caring for them as if they were your closest friend.
  - Wow! While being arrested Thursday night, Jesus took care of that soldier whose ear I cut off. Compassion and care for his soul.
  - I thought I was having his back.
- Pray for those who persecute you. (44b)
  - What a battle for the mind, to wrest away the thoughts of anger and replace it with prayer for them.
  - "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
  - A centurion soldier declaring *"Surely he was the Son of God."*
  - Forgive me for such a cruel heart.
  - God forgive me for running at the first sign of persecution or trouble.
- God looks out for all people- righteous and unrighteous. (45b)
  - I wasn't righteous when he invited me to join him.
  - I haven't been righteous these past two days.
  - I didn't get clean before I came to him, I came to him to get clean.
- God's type of love goes beyond loving those who love you back. (46-47)
  - "Am I any different than a tax collector or pagan?"
  - I am filled with judgment, envy, and pride.
- I am not perfect, for I have failed him. (48)

### **Awakened Sunday morning to stunning news.**

- The tomb is empty.
- An angel said that he has risen.
- I run to the tomb to discover that she is correct.
- Mixed emotions: I am filled with incredible wonder, but also fear.

### **Double-minded dilemma. John 21:3-14**

- I want to see him, but I am embarrassed for my actions.
- How will he respond to me?
- Finding peace while in inner conflict—go fishing.
- Jesus shows up and a repeat of full nets happens.
- Peter jumps out of the boat and heads to shore as fast as he can.

### **Love wins. John 21:15-19**

- Do you love me? 3x
- 3x Peter affirms his love.
- Jesus declares that Peter will indeed love Jesus to the greatest end—death.
- Peter's heart was won over by a crimson love and he became the leader of a message and movement of love—we stand on that story.
- Our dead bones and wretched hearts are now given new life. Thank you Jesus!

### **Benediction:**

*“Greater love has no one than this; to lay down one's life for ones friends...This is my command: love each other.” John 15:13, 17*