

## HIS MOVING, INTO YOUR LIFE. (John 21: 15-22).

THE SETTING: Jesus is setting out clearly the parameters of what His life, the cross life is about. There are only two activities possible. God activity dictating your life or self activity.

The previous discussion in V. 15-17 has been absolutely, unequivocally clear. Love is going to result in His purpose directly guiding and being the theme of your life!

Jesus asks Peter two times “is God’s love (agape) the supreme rule of your motivation?; and then Jesus says even brotherly love for me carries with it the need to respond to My control. **He leaves no doubt as to the requirements.** The blessed, abundant life we desire, the one that gives the most joy, and lasts forever, is a life-style shift from my control to His control.

Jesus prayed in the garden for His disciples *safety, purity, and unity* with the Father and each other. That was the Son’s final request to His Father for His chosen ones. Now He is resurrected and there is a shift from last requests, restoration, preparation and the “promise of the Father”, to OWNERSHIP, that’s right, ownership. You according to scripture are not your own, you have been bought with a price, His blood, if you accept. Ownership is the bottom line, pure and simple. HIS ownership produces LIFE. You choose self-life (carnal life) or God-life. There is no BLENDED FUEL here. No 50-50%, no 75-25%, it’s all about 100% Him or 100% self.

### **Saying good-bye to the old life.**

**Rom 6:3** (MESSAGE: That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace--a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means.

4. When we are lowered into the water, it is like the burial of Jesus; when we are raised up out of the water, it is like the resurrection of Jesus.

5. Each of us is raised into a light-filled world by our Father so that we can see where we're going in our new grace-sovereign country.

6. Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the Cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life--no longer at sin's every beck and call!

### **Declaring the Servant Life.**

**Jo 21: 19b-22.** . Twice Jesus says “FOLLOW ME”. (Tense, voice and mood are, PRESENT ACTIVE IMPERATIVE. The word follow means much more than it appears. It is not so much literal follow as it is, to live His purpose, manner, His thoughts, His style, etc.

### **Displaying the Glory life!!!!**

**Jo 12:24** "Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. THE carnal life dies- the spiritual life thrives. That is FULFILLMENT.

Jo 12:25 In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you'll have it forever, real and eternal.

Jo 12:26 "If any of you wants to serve me, then follow me. Then you'll be where I am, ready to serve at a moment's notice. The Father will honor and reward anyone who serves me.

Jo 12:27 "Right now I am storm-tossed. And what am I going to say? 'Father, get me out of this'? No, this is why I came in the first place.

Jo 12:28 I'll say, 'Father, put your glory on display.'" A voice came out of the sky: "I have glorified it, and I'll glorify it again."

1. What would be my answer if Jesus asked me “Do you Love Me More Than These”?
2. How does God’s love manifest itself inwardly in my life?
3. How does it manifest itself to other believers?
4. How does it manifest itself to the world?
5. What is the most difficult area for me to give up my control to Him?