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*2014: The Year of Receiving the Love of God, Walking by Faith,
Believing His Word, and Giving Him Praise!*

As I Love Myself – Part II

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Matthew 26:34-35 (New Living Translation, NLT)

34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." 35 "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same.

Why did peter deny Jesus after he said that he wouldn't?

Luke 22:54-62 (English Standard Version, ESV)

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." 58 And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." 59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

Self-preservation

- **Preservation of oneself from destruction or harm**
- **A natural or instinctive tendency to act so as to preserve one's own existence**
- **Protection of yourself from harm or death**
- ***Self-preservation is a necessary characteristic that has helped living beings survive against all odds. Self-preservation can be applied as we love; however, we must be careful that self-preservation is not used in place of Love.***

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Matthew 22:34-40 (The Living Bible, TLB)

34-35 but not the Pharisees! When they heard that he had routed the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him. One of them, a lawyer, spoke up: 36 “Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?” 37 Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.’ 38-39 This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: ‘Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.’ 40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them. Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others.

- **Typically we love ourselves based on how we *feel* about ourselves.**
- **Our feelings are based in *natural (storge), mental (philia), and physical (eros) love.***
- **We are designed to *Love (agape)* ourselves based on the value God gave to us; not the value yourself and others give.**
- **If we miss this point we make a frustrating attempt at trying to love God and people based on our version of love instead of God’s expressed version...God’s way gets results, our way breeds disappointment.**

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

22 But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

- **Loving yourself requires looking into the mirror of the Word to check for any adjustments to be made.**

Open your heart and let God teach you how to love yourself

Matthew 13:11-15 (NLT)

11 He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. 12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. 13 That is why I use these parables, For **they look, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really listen or understand.** 14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, ‘When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. 15 For **the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.**’

Proverbs 21:2 (NLT)

People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

- **Would God find His Love if He examined your heart?**

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Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)

3 “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? 4 How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

- **A clear sign that you are led by God’s Love is your ability to look in the mirror of the Word and see your imperfections, which helps you to Love others with correct judgment.**

John 21:15-17 Mounce Reverse-Interlinear New Testament (MOUNCE)

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, . “
hote aristaō Iēsous legō ho Simōn Petros ho
Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others do?”
Simōn Iōannēs agapaō egō polys houtos
He said to him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said
legō autos nai kyrios sy oida hoti phileō sy legō
to him, “Take care of . my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him again, a
autos boskō ho egō arnion legō autos palin
second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to
deuteros Simōn Iōannēs agapaō egō legō
him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “
autos nai kyrios sy oida hoti phileō sy legō autos
Look after . my sheep .” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “
poimainō ho egō probaton legō autos ho triton
Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed . that
Simōn Iōannēs phileō egō Petros lypeō ho hoti
Jesus had asked him for the third time, “Do you love me?” . He
legō autos ho triton phileō egō kai
said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love
legō autos kyrios sy oida pas sy ginōskō hoti phileō
you.” Jesus said to him, . “Take care of . my sheep .
sy Iēsous legō autos ho boskō ho egō probaton