Church Face: I Am Restored Pastor Johnson Bowie April 18, 2021

Psalm 51:3-4 NLT

I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

Mark 14:27-31 NIV

Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." Peter said to him, "**Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.**" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "**Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!**" And all the others vowed the same.

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1) Jesus restores us to Community.

John 21:2-3 NIV

Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you."

Sometimes, it's not about catching fish... It's simply about who you're fishing with.

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2) Jesus restores us to Himself.

John 21:15-17 NIV

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I **love** you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you **love** me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I **love** you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

For every **rejection**, Jesus has a **restoration**.

"Peter, do you love (*agape*) me?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love (*philia*) you." "Do you love (*agape*) me?" "Yes, Lord, you know that I love (*philia*) you." "Do you love (*philia*) me?" "You know that I love (*philia*) you."

Isaiah 53:6 NLT

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us **ALL**.

Romans 8:1 NIV

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

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3) Jesus restores us to our Calling.

Jesus will turn your CATASTROPHE into His VICTORY!!!!