



Jesus Teaches His Love to Peter

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What Jesus Taught Peter about Love

- Requires selfless action of service, not mere feeling
 - *Matthew 26:33-35* → v. 47-51 (cf. *John 18:10* – Peter)
 - *Ezekiel 33:30-33*
 - *Matthew 7:21-23*
- Requires suffering in that service
 - *2 Timothy 3:12*
 - *Matthew 5:10-12*
 - *1 Peter 3:13-14* → *1 Peter 4:12-16*
- Requires service as priority over earthly ties
 - *Matthew 10:34-37*
 - *John 12:42-43* → *Matthew 7:13-14* → *Matthew 10:22*
 - *1 John 2:15*
- Have I learned the lessons about love that Peter needed?



The Love Jesus Taught We Must Learn

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