

Love Is...Not Keeping a Record of Wrongs

Ready:

“...it keeps no record of being wronged.” 1 Corinthians 13:5

Set

Imagine it's the fourth quarter of a football game, the bottom of the ninth inning, or any other high-pressure situation. Some of you think of an exact moment and recall every detail, both good and bad. If you make a mistake, you disappoint yourself, your teammates, and your coaches. Everyone takes note, and the next time you're out of the game and on the bench. You don't get another shot. As if the result itself isn't bad enough, you dread the bus ride or car ride home. What will your loved ones say when addressing your mistakes?

After Jesus is arrested, Peter is questioned and denies Jesus three times. The rooster crows, and Peter weeps bitterly because he just blew the game. Peter had his shot to be an MVP for the kingdom, but he failed miserably. Surely, Jesus knows and will want nothing to do with someone who failed. However, Jesus returns to Peter and asks three times, “Do you love me?” Peter responds his love for Jesus by saying, “You know that I love you.” Therefore, Jesus tells Peter to lead his sheep and lambs. For every wrong Peter committed, Jesus redeems Peter with love and gives him a new calling. When we enter into a relationship with Jesus, there's no record on wrong or right. There's no scolding, but only sanctification. Jesus desires our hearts, so He simply asks us, “Do you love me?” If your answer is yes, Jesus is your Redeemer, and you will get another chance. You're back in the game. Jesus sends Peter to lead the sheep, and Peter leads the early church. What will be your redemption story?

Go

1. Is your identity dependent on your performance?
2. How does the love of Jesus change your response to failure?

Workout

Matthew 26:69-75; John 21:15-17

Overtime

“Jesus, thank You for Your love and grace. You took my failure, so I can be reconciled. I love You, and I walk in Your redemption, reconciliation, and resurrection. Amen.”

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