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# MARCH 17

Always remember that your life speaks louder  
than the sermon you preach.

“Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.  
Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what  
you will get out of it, but because you are eager to  
serve God.” -1 Peter 5:2

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
\*Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing,  
Always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

-Frances R. Havergal, 1874

## — REVIVAL IN PASTORS AND LEADERS

## Feed My Sheep - A Lesson From Peter

... “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?” Peter.. said to Him,  
 ...You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.”

— John 21:

The Bible is an epic story of God restoring, redeeming and reinstating people who have fallen away, failed and denied Him. Peter is just one of those stories. Although Peter had declared that his love for Jesus was strong enough to die for, it was not. Jesus knew he would not hold up under pressure. Peter failed in a spectacular way. He was given three chances and each time he failed and denied Jesus. Can you relate to Peter? I can.

Jesus needed Peter to see his own heart and learn that human zeal would not accomplish the purposes of God in the earth but only by a Holy Spirit empowered life. Our weakness and human failure does not surprise God nor derail His purpose in our lives. Peter is an example of that truth. All of us have weaknesses, besetting sins and at times life controlling habits that are difficult to overcome. When it comes to pastors and Christian leaders they are no exceptions. Like Peter they are sheep like us before they are shepherds.

Peter was restored and fulfilled his calling. Listen to Peter in his own words exhorting pastors. *“Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.”* 1 Peter 5:2

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Meditate on 1 Timothy 3:2-7

## Proclamations and Prayer

“Father, in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit I want to thank you today for my pastor and leaders in my local church. I pray that they will be kept from temptation and delivered from any sin. I pray no weapon formed against them would prosper and that they would be filled with the Holy Spirit in power and authority. In Jesus’ name, Amen!