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John 21:15-17 ¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶Again 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." ¹⁷The 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.

We are beginning to return to not being a throw away nation. We are more ready now to refurbish something rather than chuck it out. I have been watching the 'Repair Shop' on television and it has been fascinating, seeing some of the items they have repaired. Things that have been so badly damaged, some very old yet the experts have worked their magic and returned them to their former glory. They have been redeemed.

Can we imagine just for a moment if Jesus walked into your home how would you react. Would you fall on your knees and give him the recognition that he deserves? Or would you be like Peter and deny Jesus even after the promises made when you became a member or should I say a follower of Christ. It is easier for us now than what it would have been for Peter. He had promised to follow Jesus, but he had denied him when he was challenged. Peter was riven with guilt for what he had done, but Christ knew what was really in Peter's heart of hearts and forgave him and turned him around so much so that he carried on the work of Christ and brought others to faith. We can all be broken in our lives and turn away but Jesus knows and loves us more than we realise. He will restore us, and enable us, as his followers to work in the communities that we live in. Just like the "Repair Shop" on the television Jesus will turn us around to our former glory and feed your sheep. Then we can also love Christ and give him the glory he so richly deserves.

Prayer. Loving Lord we thank you for knowing, loving, and bringing us to a restoration of faith and to love one another as you love us. Amen.