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NEW YEAR JACOB'S WELL
beginning WELL

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ 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."

¹⁸ I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!" ²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (*This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?"*) ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the brothers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?"

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21:15-25

THE ART OF BEGINNING WELL IS TO WALK EACH NEW

• year • relationship • opportunity • day
with JESUS.

Then Jesus told them, "this very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."
Matthew 26:31-33

FOUR Symptoms of COMPARISONITIS

1

"IT'S NOT SO BAD!"

I justify something I shouldn't do
because it's not as bad as what someone else did.

I compare myself to someone I've judged
as being "worse" than me.

2

"IT'S NOT FAIR!"

I carry ill feelings toward someone
because he/she seems to have an easier life.

I compare myself to someone I've judged
as having it "better" than me.

3

"I'M GOOD!"

I think I'm better than someone
because my performance is superior to theirs.

I compare myself to someone
I consider "lesser" than me.

4

"I QUIT!"

I don't do what I can do
because I can't do what I once did.

I compare myself with myself.

THE ONE WHO CALLS YOU TO FOLLOW IS:

~ GOOD ~

He's someone you'd want to follow.

~ INVOLVED ~

He's present, active, and alive in this world.

~ PERSONAL ~

He's present, active and alive in YOUR world.

NEXT STEPS
beginning WELL

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