Do you Love Me?

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Text: Jn. 21.

Intro - 1. Read text.
2. ask question - Do you love me?

1. Frankly, question is embarrassing. Peter uncomfortable
   a. Not unaccustomed to it. 3 yrs of it. Questions and answers who is this? Boat of Jn? when these things be? Public opinion? Tried faith? Liked it. Pro + con. Admin of ideas Equal time Democracy of thought Seductive nightstretcher of uncertain. Seems open, tolerant, liberal.
   Pass comment and buy no answers - all on scale.
   b. But here and now! Easter over, Pentecost over. Long hot summer of discipleship. Fishing. 3 yrs of memory + now lunch at Mrs Donald's!
   old teacher, breakfast together. Healthy?

2. Maybe if you would rephrase the question. Are we good friends. Yes. But too black + white, too much certainty.
   a. Part of big envy, certain answers. People can tell you what Ch. experience any time, anywhere.
   b. Name time + place of the one unambiguous moment.
   old evangelistic stand at altar.
   Saul (noon, Damascus) Augustine (Milan, garden), Wesley (Wed, May 24, greater to me)

3. Feel intimidated. Other Lee. Strong discussion. What God's views.

4. Ask another question. Bible questions (Trail of clippings to mention). Seems as pre-am ask about CPE, team ministry, counseling method, curriculum. Even around prairie, old gospel songs - laugh??
   Prayer answer questions - change teaching, church feeding.

5. Is this really the right question? Do not preach sermon.

Augustine won over Donatism.

D. H. Lawrence - Trust not talk. Let talk.

Religion no guarantee you & I, treat others as intruders.

a. Time, test.

If story worth hearing, teller is.

If Lovers feel you not in it, deceived.

Wittgenstein. Words' meaning is a form of life.

b. What else prevent arrogance & ignorant success - clown yells ~~for~~ for. Applause. Ignominy - ovation. or depression at failure. 9 dy. meiosis & 2 kids. Those legal don't care.

c. In final analysis - quality of that relt, character, life - the difference.

Would you repeat the Question?

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