

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Time - Year C

1. I love ice cream – a strawberry sundae with strawberry ice cream and strawberry sauce.  
Ice cream that's really hard and packed down. LOVE IT!

Now its summer – Crescent Ridge is calling -  
I love ice cream sundaes – and I tell my wife I love her too.  
But in the scheme of things I better put my wife in a different category than ice cream.

- Jesus says “Simon Son of John, do you love me?”  
Peter answers “Yes Lord you know I love you” – **But they're not saying the same thing.**

**The gospels are written in Greek.**

#### **3 Different words for Love**

- Eros – erotic love
- Philia – a brotherly love, a love we have for things (Sundaes)
- Agape – free, total, benevolent love (Wife)

**First time** Jesus says “Simon, Son of John, *do you Agape me more than these?*”  
- What are the these? - Disciples

- Or is he pointing to the boats, the nets,  
the fish, *the stuff of the world*

I think Jesus asks us the same question:

“Frank Son of Leo, do you Agape me more than these?” car, job, stuff of the world  
Put your name here – *what gets in your way of Agape with Jesus?*

Listen how Peter answers

Peter answers “Yes Lord you know I Philia you” – **Jesus asks for Agape, Peter responds Philia**  
**Second time**

“Simon, Son of John, do you Agape me?” *He leaves off “more than these” Do you Agape ME?*  
Peter answers “Yes Lord you know I Philia you”

#### **Third time**

“Simon, Son of John, do you Philia me?”  
“Yes Lord, you know I Philia you”

Jesus meets Peter right where he is and accepts him there, in Philia. **If it's all you can do - OK**  
**It's a place for J to start.**

Where are we in our relationship with Jesus? AGAPE or PHILIA or someplace else?

LISTEN

Peter & disciples had been fishing all night ZIPPO

JC says “Drop your nets on the right and you'll make a catch”

Did they do it? YUP

Did they catch fish? YUP

What would have happened if they had refused?

They would have missed out on breakfast on the beach with JC

What happens when we refuse?

We miss out on the blessings He has for us – we miss AGAPE

As we go forward with this liturgy reflect on your relationship with Jesus

Do we AGAPE Him

Do we PHILIA Him