

**Valley Bible Church  
Sermon Notes for January 18, 2009**

**Faithful Unto Death  
John 21:18-19  
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What were the three truths that Christ outlined for Peter in John 21:15-25 that every faithful disciple of Christ needs to understand?

We need to understand that our love for Christ should lead us to serve Christ's flock (John 21:15-17).

We need to understand that serving Christ, though leading to a better life, will not lead to an easier life (John 21:18-19).

Christ, in John 21:18-19, told Peter that his service to Him and to His flock would ultimately result in Peter being crucified.

As a young man, Peter was free to go wherever he wished, but Christ, in John 21:18, made it very clear to Peter that his freedom as an old man would be taken from him.

The description of how Peter's freedom would be taken from him is outlined for us in John 21:18.

The description of how Peter's freedom would be taken from him as outlined in John 21:18 is a description of how Peter's earthly life would come to an end (John 21:19).

Though John does not specifically tell us the manner of Peter's death in John 21:19, the description as outlined for us in John 21:18 clearly points to crucifixion.

Christ not only made it clear to Peter, but to all of His disciples, that loving Him and serving Him, would not make their lives easier (Matthew 10:24-26).

May God give us the grace to understand that serving Christ, though leading to a better life, will not lead to an easier life.