

asking us these questions. Put your own name in place of Peter's and imagine that the Lord ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Jesus Christ asked you, Do you love me? Why are you here? What is your reason for being in Faith now? Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you really love Him? Are you sure that you love Him?

When I was in Highschool, I remember11 $\frac{1}{2}$a woman there, ~~the~~ the mother of one of my friends, and she said that she had known a man who she said seemed to her quite an able fellow, and she thought he could make good in business or something, but to her surprise he went to a seminary, and she asked him, she said, Why did you go to a seminary? Oh, he said, I have got a gift of speech, he said, I can just talk on easily, and he says, I can make a living easier that way than any other way, so he says I thought I would go into the ministry. There is a good living in it for me now. He had the gift of gab, and so this was a good way to make a living. I am rather skeptical ~~whether~~ whether any of you are here for that reason, that you feel you have the gift of gab. My guess is that anybody who comes to Faith Seminary has at some time felt sure that you loved the Lord, and the you were more interested in doing His will than anything else in the world. I don't think any of you came here because you felt that this was an easy way to make a living, to get a seminary education at Faith seminary. And yet there is no one here in this room who had ~~the~~ given the evidence of love to the Lord that Peter had. There is no one who has not failed the Lord far more than Peter had given evidence of failing. There is no one of us here of whom the question might not far more reasonably be asked, that there would be more reason to ask it than in the case of Peter. Do you love me? Are you sure that you ~~truly~~ truly love me, the Lord Jesus Christ. I think God wants us to ask ~~ourselves~~ ourselves the question, I think He often wants us to ask, I think He wants us to examine our motives, and to see what our purpose is. Do you think it would be nice to have a church where you would be the pastor and people would look up to you? Yes, very nice. You can get one much more easily by going somewhere else than by coming here. Do you think it would be nice to have a beautiful stone structure of which you