



Key References:

Luke 5:8–11 (ESV) – But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”**¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Matthew 14:29–31 (ESV) – He said, **“Come.”** So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, **“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”**

John 21:15–17 (ESV) – When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, **“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”** He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, **“Feed my lambs.”**¹⁶ He said to him a second time, **“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”** He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, **“Tend my sheep.”**¹⁷ He said to him the third time, **“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”** Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, **“Do you love me?”** and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, **“Feed my sheep.”**

Acts 4:7–8 (ESV) – And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...

Acts 4:29–31 (ESV) – And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Nathan started his sermon with the following thought: *“The people we spend time with profoundly shape us.”* **Who has been the person in your life that has had the most influence over who are today?**

1 – GIVING US SOMETHING BETTER

Read Luke 5:1–11. **Are you surprised Peter (Simon) telling Jesus depart from him? Have you ever felt like Peter when God has called you?**

Why did Peter, James, and John leave everything? What is the significance of Jesus’ words in v10? Why is it easier to drop what’s in our hands when something bigger & better is placed in them?

Have you ever easily put something down after Jesus has given you something better? How is following the genuine call of God better than anything else?

2 – PETER’S MESS-UPS

What do you know about Peter and the various mess-ups he had walking beside Jesus? Rebuking Jesus (Matthew 16:22), cutting off the someone’s ear (John 18:10), doubting Jesus walking on the water (Matthew 14:29).

In what ways can you relate to Peter’s struggles with doubt, fear, zealotry, and inconsistency?

Read Matthew 26:30–35, Matthew 26:69–75, and John 21:15–19. **What do you find interesting about how Jesus restores Peter in John 21? Here, how did Jesus steer Peter back to his original calling from Luke 5:10?**

3 – PETER AFTER PENTECOST

We see a very different Peter in the book of Acts. **Why do you think that is?**

Why did Peter need Pentecost to fulfil his Luke 5:10 mission? In Acts 4:7-14 and Act 4:29-31; why was Peter filled again & again with The Spirit?

4 – PETER IS AN EXAMPLE FOR US

How is Peter’s walk with Jesus, and then his walk with the Holy Spirit an example for us to follow? Why do we still need the Holy Spirit to fulfil God’s mission?

Matthew 28:19 tells us to *“make disciples.”* **How is Jesus’ and Peter’s relationship show us how we are to raise up disciples? How can we be patient, loving, restorative and redemptive to the people we are bringing through? How can we raise up disciples to walk with the Holy Spirit?**