The Touch of the Master’s Hand - A Man Called Peter

“An Influential Life”
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Matthew 5:13-16
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Introduction:
A. “You can be a _______ or a ___________, but you can’t be a __________.”
B. Today, we want to look at the life of Peter and his __________ on the early _______.
C. We are going to group these 4 episodes from Peter’s life under 2 categories that show the range of influence we can exert.

I. First Category: An Influential Life includes _______ and __________.
A. The subtitle for this category could be: “The Influence of __________ Love.”
B. Acts 5:12-16
1. Here we see a catalog of signs and wonders the _____________ were doing.
2. The thing that jumps out is the power of Peter’s _____________.
C. Acts 9:32-42
1. What great power from God Peter displayed in healing the _____________
   and in raising _____________ from the dead.
D. An important lesson we learn is that God does not expect us to give something we _______ _______.
   1. What have I _________ from God that I can _________ to encourage and help others?

II. Second Category: An Influential Life includes _______ and __________.
A. A subtitle for this category could be: “The Influence of __________ Love.
B. Acts 5:1-11
1. Ananias and Sapphira liked the accolades that Barnabas received for his generosity, but they didn’t want to ___ what he _____ to receive such accolades.
2. We know that this was a special period in the life of the early church and it was critical that the apostles be seen as having exceptional _______ and _______ for leadership.
3. We notice that lying is not just lying to people, but to ________, and that all lying involves ________, the father of lies.
4. I’m sure this was _______ and _______ thing for Peter to be involved in.
C. Acts 8:1-24
1. When Simon the ___________ tried to buy the ability to pass on the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, Peter applied the tough love of _______ and __________.
D. When we see or hear about a brother or sister who has gone _________, we need to go to them in the spirit of love and concern, and we need to discuss the situation with them (Eph. 4:15; Gal. 6:1-2; 1 Cor. 5:2, 11; 2 Cor. 5:11).

Conclusion: Keep in Mind...
A. Our lives have influence whether we are _______ to have an impact or _____.
B. Our positive influence and “shadow” is based on our relationship with _______.