

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

“What A Legacy!”

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2 Peter 1:3-4

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- A. I hope our sermon series on Peter's life has blessed you as much as it has me!
- B. In Peter's first encounter with Jesus, Jesus gave Peter the name “_____.”
- C. In the next encounter with Jesus, he was given a call to become a _____ of _____.
- D. As we have journeyed with Peter, we have witnessed his _____ and _____.
- E. We watched as Peter learned to _____ when Jesus _____ his _____.
- F. We learned there is hope for the _____ by seeing the way Jesus treated Peter.
- G. We saw the change in Peter that came after the _____ and the outpouring of the _____.
- H. At Cornelius' house, Peter allowed God to change his heart about his _____.
- I. Peter's miraculous escape from prison helped us understand that God is in _____ and that His _____ is not always our _____.
- J. The heart's desire of every human being is to _____ something and to be _____ in some way.
- K. The only way to truly have meaning in our lives, and for our lives to have permanent value, is to be _____ to God.
- L. The last years of Peter's life were occupied with _____.
- M. The fulfillment of Jesus' prophesy from John 21 took place in _____, during _____ persecution, when Peter was _____, along with his wife in 66 A.D.
 - 1. The church fathers attest to this fact: Clement of Alexandra (195 A.D.), Lactantius (320 A.D.), Dionysius (2nd Century), Jerome (4th Century).
- N. Three Reasons Why Peter's Life has Eternal Repercussions:
 - 1. Because of what he _____ (2 Peter 1:16-18; 19-21).
 - 2. Because of what he _____ (Revelation 14:13).
 - 3. Because of what he _____ (2 Peter 1:3-4; 5-10; 3:10-11).

‘Twas battered and scarred, And the auctioneer thought it hardly worth his while
To waste his time on the old violin, but he held it up with a smile.
“What am I bidden, good folks”, he cried, “Who will start the bidding for me?”
“A dollar, a dollar, Do I hear two?” “Two dollars, who’ll make it three?”
“Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice; going for three -” But, No,
From the room, far back, a gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow;
Then wiping the dust from the old violin, And tightening up the strings,
He played a melody, pure and sweet, As sweet as a caroling angel sings.
The music ceased and the auctioneer, With a voice that was quiet and low,
Said, “What am I bidden for this old violin?” And he held it up with the bow.
“1000 dollars, and who’ll make it 2? “2 thousand? And who’ll make it 3?”
“Three thousand, once; three thousand, twice; And going, and gone!” said he.
The people cheered, but some of them cried, “We do not quite understand,
What changed its’ worth? Swift came the reply. “The Touch of the Masters Hand.”
And many a man with life out of tune, And battered and scarred with sin,
Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd, Much like the old violin.
A “mess of pottage,” a glass of wine; A game - and he travels on.
He’s going, once; he’s going, twice; He’s going, and “almost gone.”
But the Master comes, And the foolish crowd never can quite understand,
The worth of a soul, and the change that is wrought, by the Touch of the Master’s Hand.

Answer Key: B. rock. C. fisher, men. D. highs, lows. E. serve, washed, feet. F. fallen. G. resurrection, Holy, Spirit. H. prejudices. I. control, will, will. J. mean, valuable. K. rightly, related. L. evangelistic, ministry. M. Rome, Nero's, executed. N.1. believed. N.2. did. N.3. became.