

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Luke 5:8-11 (NIV)

### Who Was Peter?

- Simon (Peter) was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter wrote \_\_\_\_\_ letters in the New Testament and may have been the source for \_\_\_\_\_ Gospel.
- Peter was probably \_\_\_\_\_ than most of the Disciples.
- Archeologists may have found Peter's \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Do We See About Peter's Character or Story?

- Peter could be \_\_\_\_\_. Luke 22:33-34
- Peter could be \_\_\_\_\_. Matt 14:28-31

### How Was Peter Shaped by Jesus?

- An \_\_\_\_\_ day at work. Matt 5:1-11
- After Peter's \_\_\_\_\_. John 21:15-19
- Peter in The Book of \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 4:12-13
- Peter's \_\_\_\_\_.

### What Can We Learn from Peter's Story?

1. Sometimes we have to step out before everything feels \_\_\_\_\_. Heb 11:1

2. Failure isn't a disqualifier – it's a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Acts 2:41

3. Jesus uses people who keep \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ him.

*Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.*

When have you ever chosen a team for work, a sport, fantasy football, etc.? What criteria did you use to choose? How was Jesus' way of choosing so different? And why do you think he chose differently?

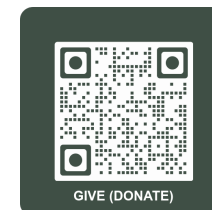
In the message, we saw that Peter often acted before everything was certain (stepping out of the boat, leaving his fishing business, speaking boldly about Jesus). Can you think of a time when you sensed God asking you to take a step of faith before you had all the details? What was that like?

Peter failed in some very public ways, including denying Jesus. Why do you think failure is often such a powerful tool God uses in shaping people spiritually?

One of the main takeaways was that **Jesus uses people who keep moving toward him**, even after mistakes. What does "moving toward Jesus" look like practically in everyday life?

Looking at Peter's story, which part do you relate to the most right now:

- stepping out in faith
- learning through failure
- coming back to Jesus after stumbling
- growing into courage over time  
Why?



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### Who Was Peter?

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- Peter wrote two letters in the New Testament and may have been the source for Mark's Gospel.
- Peter was probably older than most of the Disciples.
- Archeologists may have found Peter's house.

### What Do We See About Peter's Character or Story?

- Peter could be overconfident. Luke 22:33-34
- Peter could be impulsive. Matt 14:28-31

### How Was Peter Shaped by Jesus?

- An ordinary day at work. Matt 5:1-11
- After Peter's denial. John 21:15-19
- Peter in The Book of Acts. Acts 4:12-13
- Peter's death.

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