



SERMON NOTES

PETER

*A FLAWED, YET FAITHFUL
FOLLOWER OF JESUS*

Week 5 (August 30):

“From Cowardice to Courage”

John 21:4-18

I. Review/Introduction

- A. Simon Peter is a flawed person, who strives to be a faithful disciple of Jesus. Through him we learn to see God’s _____.
- B. Not only does Peter desert Jesus, he _____ ever knowing Jesus.
- C. If Jesus’s story had ended on the cross, Peter’s story would have been _____.

II. Early in the Morning

- A. In the empty tomb, the angelic messenger says “Go, tell his disciples, _____ Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee.”
- B. Just as he did when he was first called by Jesus, Peter _____ out of the boat to greet the Resurrected Jesus.
- C. The account takes place in Tabgha, the place of the seven springs, also the site where Jesus fed the crowds with _____.

III. Do You Love Me?

- A. The detail of the _____ fire links Peter’s denial of Jesus three times, with Jesus’s three questions to reconcile and forgive him,
- B. Jesus is asking Peter if he will love him with an “Agapas” or _____ love.
- C. Jesus asks Peter to show his love by _____ his sheep.
- D. At Pentecost, Peter is transformed into a bold preacher, from a man of cowardice to a man of _____ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Simon Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, but that was not the end of his story. When the disciples find the tomb was empty, they begin to understand that the grave could not hold their Lord. When the Resurrected Jesus calls on Peter, Jesus asks Peter to affirm his love, not once, but three times. What will it mean for Peter to repent and be forgiven? What could repentance and Jesus's forgiveness mean for you? And how then might Jesus be calling you to demonstrate your love?

Monday: Luke 24:1-12

The gospels forthrightly report that none of the disciples, including Peter, were eagerly waiting for Jesus to rise from the dead. Even when the women reported that men in shining white clothing asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?," their description "struck the apostles as nonsense." Peter saw the empty tomb and was confused, wondering what had happened. Eventually, Peter would come to understand Jesus's resurrection and everything changed for him. When you consider how Jesus rose from the dead, what effect does that fact have on you?

Tuesday: Mark 16:1-7

Peter thought his denial of Jesus would haunt him the rest of his life. Thankfully, unlike Judas (Matthew 27:3-5) he did not succumb to despair, but the scriptures suggest that he never imagined that he would be welcomed as one of Jesus's disciples again. In Mark 6:7, the messenger told Mary Magdalene, "Go tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee." What do we learn about Jesus's grace for Peter? For you?

Wednesday: John 21:1-7

In this story, (like the one in Luke 5:1-10), Jesus shows experienced fishermen, including Peter where to find a startlingly large catch of fish. Have there been times in your life or place of ministry that you found yourself ineffective, perhaps because you were not open to Jesus's wisdom? When has a spiritual practice of walking with Jesus clearly made your efforts more effective?

Thursday: John 21:8-14

One thing this passage makes clear is that Jesus is no ghost, he was truly, physically alive. He built a fire and cooked breakfast! In fact, Jesus said, "bring some of the fish you've just caught." Why doesn't Jesus just do everything for us? Why does he seem to want to join our effort with his spiritual power? What gift or work has Jesus asked of you as you journey with him?

Friday: John 21:15-19

Three times Peter denied knowing Jesus. His heart was broken and heavy, and yet Jesus did not want that failure to haunt Peter forever. Three times, Jesus allowed Peter to affirm his love, a love deeper and more solid because he was forgiven. What failures haunt you? Imagine yourself on that beach with Jesus by the fire. Hear Jesus ask you, "_____, do you love me?" Answer Jesus three times, and hear Jesus deal with any barriers that separate you.

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus demonstrates his love for us through death on a cross. Our love for him is demonstrated by our care for others. In John 15:8, Jesus says, "My Father is glorified when you produce much fruit and in this way prove that you are my disciples." What kind of fruit are we to produce? Verse 12, explains, "Love each other just as I have loved you." Consider the way Christ's love for you, has empowered you to love others, and pray for how you can best share Christ's love this week.

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Answers to the sermon notes: A. grace, denies, hopeless. B. especially, jumps, loaves and fishes. C. charcoal, sacrificial, feeding (or tending), courage.

90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

"Key Themes" Bible Reading Plan

The 'key theme' for this week's scripture passage is 'Worship.' Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the 'SOAP' method of reading scripture.

Scripture - First read the scripture passage.

Observation - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that's relevant to your life and write it down.

Application - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

Pray - Pray about what you just read.

Week of August 30, 2020

Monday: Psalm 29

Tuesday: Psalm 100

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 14

Thursday: 1 Timothy 2

Friday: Revelation 4

Full Key Themes Plan

	Topic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalm 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalm 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God's Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalm 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalm 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalm 10	Psalm 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalm 29	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalm 25	Psalm 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalm 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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