



# SERMON NOTES

## **PETER**

*A FLAWED, YET FAITHFUL  
FOLLOWER OF JESUS*

**Week 6 (September 6): "The Rest of the Story"**

**Acts 4:29-30; Acts 5:27-33, 40-42;**

**Acts 10:14-15, 34-35**

### **I. Peter Becomes Fearless**

- A. After Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, \_\_\_\_\_ went on to minister for 34 more years.
- B. Peter and the early church leaders prayed for \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Peter and the first century Christians \_\_\_\_\_ in their persecution.
- D. There are several ways to be \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith:
  - 1. Bold is deciding to say something when it would be easier to say nothing.
  - 2. Bold is taking advantage of the opportunities that present themselves.
  - 3. Bold is creating opportunities.

### **II. Peter Continues to Learn About God**

- A. Ten years after the resurrection of Jesus, Peter was still \_\_\_\_\_ and his old views were changing.
- B. The more you grow in the likeness of Christ, the less \_\_\_\_\_ you become of other people.

### **III. Peter Leaves a Legacy**

- A. The Simon Peter was arrested and \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome.
- B. What mark will you have left on the world when you leave? What will your \_\_\_\_\_ be?

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION

After the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, Peter went on to minister for 34 more years. During this period of time, Peter became fearless in his faith, he continued to learn about God, and he left an amazing legacy. The same person who once denied knowing Jesus was crucified for being a follower of Jesus. What can we learn from Peter's life after Jesus?

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### Monday: Acts 5:27-32

All of the apostles are arrested for preaching about Jesus after being warned to never say his name again. With all boldness Peter preaches about Jesus again in front of the high priest and council. In what situations could you be bolder in saying something when it would be easier to say nothing at all? In what situations could you be bolder in taking advantage of existing opportunities? In what situations could you be bolder in creating new opportunities?

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### Tuesday: Acts 5:40-42

Our first-century forefathers rejoiced when they were persecuted in Jesus' name. To have suffered, to have lost something, to have given up something, to be disfigured because of the name of Jesus is something they were proud of. We live in a country where we have religious freedom but we shy away from telling others about our faith. Why is it easier to practice "safe" Christianity? How do you know when being "bold" becomes over-the-top?

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### Wednesday: Acts 10:1-29

Verses 27-28 of the story suggest that meeting a large group of Gentiles eager to hear the gospel was his "aha!" moment. Have you ever had a contact or experience that broke through some prejudice of yours, and opened your eyes to God's inclusive mission in the world?

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### Thursday: Acts 10:34-48

This successful evangelistic trip at first earned Peter some criticism (cf. Acts 11:1-3). God's mission was to all people from the beginning (cf. Genesis 12:1-3), but over time many of God's people had come to believe it was about them, not everyone. How ready are you to rejoice when you hear about great success for some congregation, ministry or denomination other than your own?

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### Friday: 2 Timothy 1:5-14

After once denying Jesus, Peter was no longer ashamed of Jesus or his message. In Timothy's second letter we are repeatedly warned against being ashamed of the gospel. What factors, if any, cause you to feel a "spirit of timidity" about sharing what Jesus means in your life? What, if anything, helps you to overcome that timidity?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Peter's ministry after the ascension of Jesus was marked with boldness, not secrecy. Rather than being a safe believer, he looked for opportunities to be bold. That's where God showed up. So, be bold. Speak up. Take advantage of opportunities God gives you. Create opportunities to be bold. And be a part of the difference Christ can make in people's lives. Then you too will create a legacy like Peter.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Peter, B) boldness, C) rejoiced, D) bold. IIA) learning, IIB) judgmental. IIIA) crucified, B) legacy.*

# 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

## “Key Themes” Bible Reading Plan

The ‘key theme’ for this week’s scripture passage is ‘One Another.’ 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 September 6, 2020

**Monday:** John 13

**Tuesday:** Romans 13

**Wednesday:** Romans 15

**Thursday:** 1 Peter 3

**Friday:** 1 John 1

### Full Key Themes Plan

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
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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