



# Peter

Intermediate Workbook  
Manitoulin Youth Camp 2018



Dear Student,

It is great that you are planning to come to Manitoulin Youth Camp this summer, God willing. Whether this is your first year or you are a regular, I hope you have a fantastic time.

Before you start this workbook, it is a very good idea to read through the readings with your parents. Perhaps you may want to read 1 and 2 Peter as well.

There are four parts to your pre-camp assignment: 1) the workbook, 2) a minute meditation, 3) preparation for the morning quizzes and memory verses and 4) a special project.

Try to get started as soon as possible and do your best work!

If you have any questions about the workbook or any of these assignments, please don't hesitate to call or send a note to:

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May God bless you!

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# Minute Meditations

You will need to prepare a Minute Meditation to present at camp. You will present it in your class or you can volunteer to present this in the main pavilion.

You will need to choose one verse on which to base your Minute Meditation. A Minute Meditation is an opportunity for you to meditate or think about a verse from the study and share what you have learned in approximately one minute. You will read the verse and then tell what you have learned from the verse. You can share what you have learned about God and His character, or what you have learned about the people in the verse, or how this verse relates to other verses in the Bible, or how it relates to your life or a combination of these ideas.

The passages are divided up by the first letter of your last name. **Please find the first letter of your last name below and choose a verse from one of the passages listed next to that letter to use for your Minute Meditation.**

**A-C:** Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 14:22-33; 16:13-23; 17:1-9

**D-K:** Matthew 26:30-75; John 18:10-11

**L-Q:** Acts 2:1-8, 37-47; 3:1-11; 4:1-21

**R-S:** Acts 10:1-48

**T-Z:** Acts 12:1-25; 15:1-11

## WORKBOOK REVIEW

This section will be used by your Counsellor who will review your workbook at Camp to ensure it has been completed. You can skip this part.

Workbook is fully completed \_\_\_\_\_

Workbook is not completed as noted on the following page(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Preparation for Morning Quizzes

There will be Bible readings and a memory verse from the life of Peter each day at camp. You will do these readings with your camp group and practice the memory verses. You will be quizzed on the verse and the readings the next morning. Below is the list of readings and verses for the quizzes each day. We suggest that you memorize these verses and read over these readings before camp to help you in your preparation for the week.

## Monday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“And Simon Peter answered and said, ‘Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”* (Matthew 16:16)

**Readings:** Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 14:22-33; 16:13-23; 17:1-9

## Tuesday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* (Matthew 26:41)

**Readings:** Matthew 26:30-75; John 18:10-11

## Wednesday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“Then Peter said unto them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.’”* (Acts 2:38)

**Readings:** Acts 2:1-8, 37-47; 3:1-11; 4:1-21

## Thursday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“...of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”* (Acts 10:34b-35)

**Readings:** Acts 10:1-48

## Friday:

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**Memory Verse:** *“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.”* (Acts 15:11)

**Readings:** Acts 12:1-25; 15:1-11

# SPECIAL PROJECT:

*Choose one of these to do either on your own or in pairs.*

*If appropriate, make a copy for your teacher, and copies for your classmates (about 40).*

1. Memorize Peter's speech (Acts 2:22-26) and recite it to your class.
2. Take one of the parables that Jesus told and make it into a comic page. Be sure to state what the lesson is.
3. Make a crossword from events in Peter's life.
4. Make a chart to compare the similarities of being a fisherman to being a fisher of men.
5. Create a timeline of events in Peter's life.
6. If you have your own idea for a project, check with Uncle Mark to see if it is okay (905) 565-9972 or marklizcarr@sympatico.ca.

To complete your workbook you will need:

a Bible  
a sharp pencil  
an eraser (just in case)  
a Strong's Concordance or access to E-Sword  
a Bible Dictionary

Don't forget to pray before you begin. Ask God to help you understand His word, and He will.

- Use a PENCIL so that it is easier to correct mistakes.
- Read the verses on the heading before you try to do the questions.
- Read everything in the workbook. Some questions will be easier to answer if you have read the information given to you throughout the book.
- If you are having trouble with a question, put a star next to it and move on to the next question. When you have completed the section, go back and try again. If you still can't get it ask someone for help or email me.

# Introduction

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When you are getting to know a person, some of the questions you may ask them may be: Where do you live? Do you have a family? What kind of work do you do? and maybe a bit about their culture and ideas about life. So let's do that with Peter.

Where did Peter live? (John 1:44) \_\_\_\_\_

Look this place up in a *Bible Dictionary* and see if you can find answers to these questions:

What province was it located in? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the name mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What body of water was it beside? \_\_\_\_\_

What other city was it probably near? \_\_\_\_\_

Now look up the province and try to find the answers to these questions:

How many of the disciples of Jesus lived in this province? \_\_\_\_\_

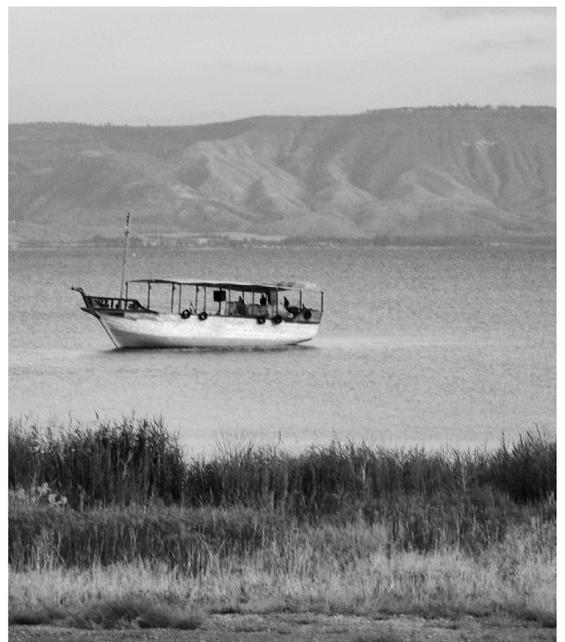
Who was the ruler of this area? \_\_\_\_\_

Who ruled Samaria and Judea? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the Jews of Judaea think of the Jews who lived here? \_\_\_\_\_

Here is a little description of the Sea of Galilee and the land surrounding it from the book *Where it Happened* by Islip Collyer. Read it and then you will be able to imagine where Peter lived a little better.

“...the Sea of Galilee is only about thirteen miles (21 km) in length and varying from three to seven miles (5-11 km) in width. It is a small lake as compared with many other lakes in the world. In one geographical feature, however, it is unique. It is nearly seven hundred feet (213 m) below the surface of the Mediterranean, and yet a river flows right through and its waters are continually replenished from Lebanon. The

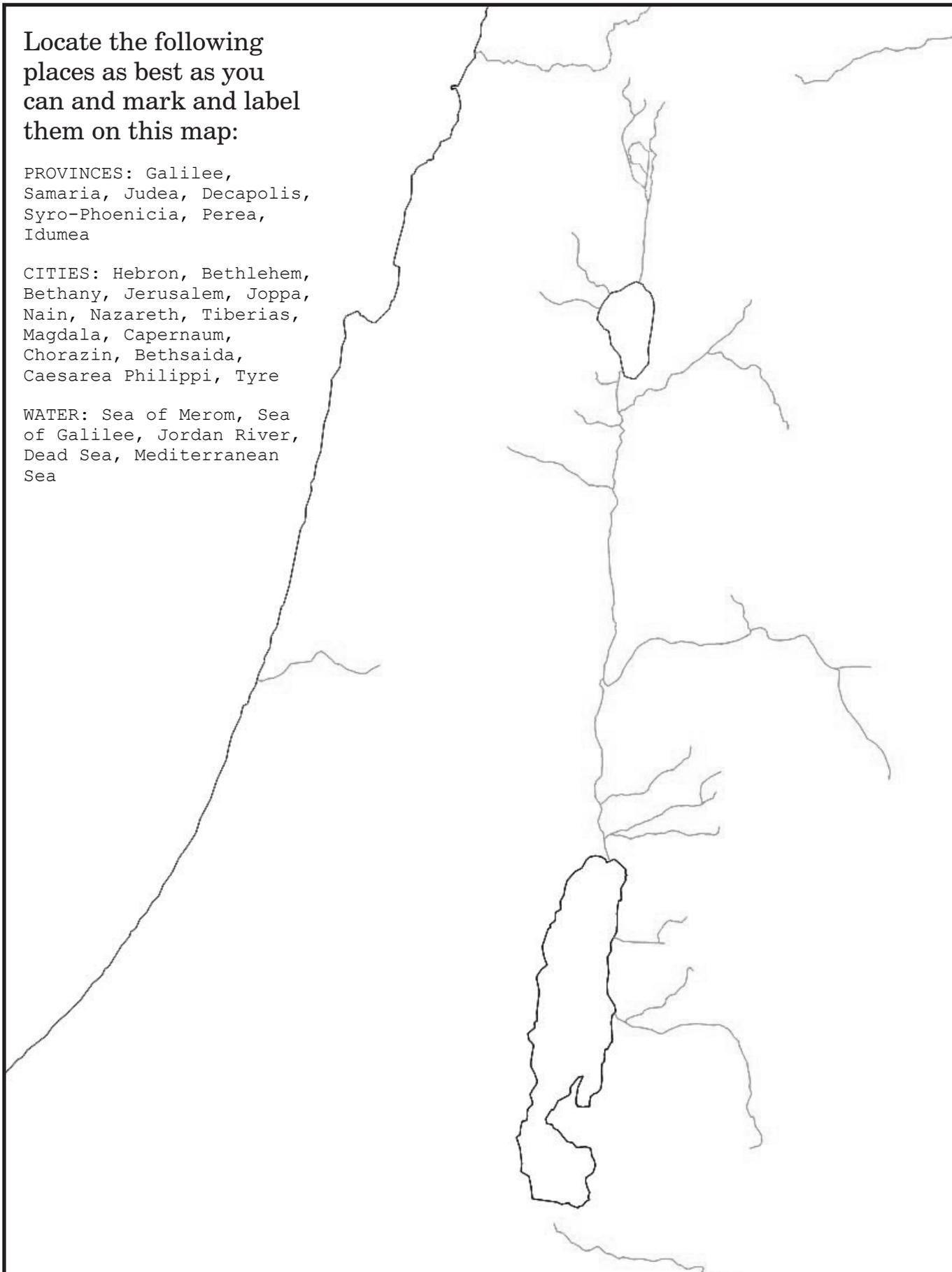


**Locate the following  
places as best as you  
can and mark and label  
them on this map:**

**PROVINCES:** Galilee,  
Samaria, Judea, Decapolis,  
Syro-Phoenicia, Perea,  
Idumea

**CITIES:** Hebron, Bethlehem,  
Bethany, Jerusalem, Joppa,  
Nain, Nazareth, Tiberias,  
Magdala, Capernaum,  
Chorazin, Bethsaida,  
Caesarea Philippi, Tyre

**WATER:** Sea of Merom, Sea  
of Galilee, Jordan River,  
Dead Sea, Mediterranean  
Sea



river Jordan, which has its source even north of Hermon, receives regular contributions of melted snow from the heights of the northern giant, and the water flowing through the little Lake of Merom and then through the Sea of Galilee, brings “the dew of Hermon” even to Samaria and Judea. It ends in the great distillery of the Dead Sea, where the heat evaporates all the water, and with infinite complexity, through wind and cloud, the process is repeated.

There is a strip of land below ocean level all around the Sea of Galilee. The city of Tiberias on the western shore is some hundreds of feet below ocean level. A little to the north of this city we reach the coast of Magdala, where the belt of land is broader.”

Read through the following verses and write down what you discover about Peter’s family and connections.

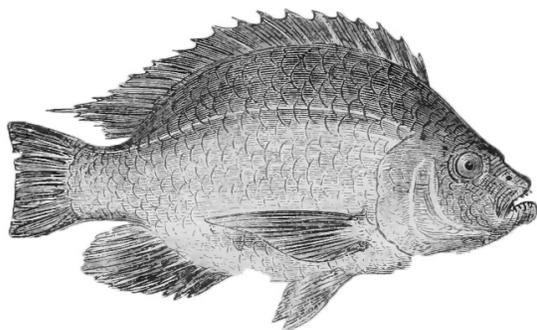
Matthew 4:18 \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:42 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 8:14 \_\_\_\_\_

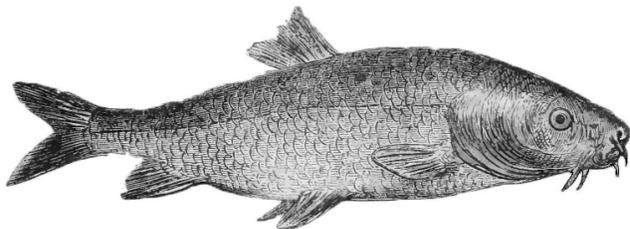
Luke 5:10 \_\_\_\_\_

What was Peter’s trade? (Matthew 4:18) \_\_\_\_\_



### Two fish often caught in the Sea of Galilee:

Musht - These are called St. Peter’s Fish. They can be up to 18 inches long and up to 4.5 lb. They are also called tilapia galilea. They are a flat fish with few small bones, easy spine removal. They swim in schools and eat plankton.



Biny - These fish look like they have whiskers. They can be up to 30 inches long and weigh up to 15 lbs. They eat small water creatures from snails to sardines.

## Methods of Fishing:

Casting Net: This net, made of flax rope woven in squares was circular, with no head rope, but a foot rope with weights. It is thrown out by a single person from a boat or shallow water. It spreads out and lands on the water like a parachute and then sinks trapping any fish underneath as it settles to the bottom. The fisherman must dive to the bottom and retrieve the fish individually or gather the footrope and bring the catch up in the net. This may have been why Peter was occasionally naked as they didn't have bathing suits back then.

Drag Net: This long rectangular net had a head rope with pieces of cork attached so it would float. The foot rope had stone weights attached. It would start on shore, be taken out by boat parallel with shore for bit, and then back to shore. It would be hauled in by 16 men for a large net, fewer men for a smaller net.

## Requirements for a fishermen:

- . Hard working (cleaning and mending nets, sorting fish)
- . Skill and strength to throw a net
- . Strength to pull in a full net
- . Knowledge about the fish you are catching (where and when to find them)
- . Handy with a boat (manning oars, sails)

There was a sense of expectation among the Jews at this time, that the time for the Messiah to be revealed had arrived. About thirty years earlier the shepherds around Bethlehem had spread the story of the birth of a baby, a Saviour, announced to them by an angel, and how they had found him in a manger. Time had continued on and no one seemed to know what had happened to that baby. Meanwhile, he had been growing up in Galilee, in a city called Nazareth, not far away from the Sea of Galilee.

What were some of the expectations the Jews had of the Messiah? Find these passages and write down what they said about the Messiah.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Samuel 7:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

Micah 5:2 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 7:14 \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 11:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 2:7-12 \_\_\_\_\_

John began preaching his message along the Jordan River and people were coming to him to be baptized. The Jewish leaders were beginning to wonder who he was, and whether John was the promised Messiah.

What did John say about himself? (John 1:23) \_\_\_\_\_

What did he say about the Messiah? (Matthew 3:11-12) \_\_\_\_\_



By the time we meet Peter, Jesus has been baptized by John the Baptist and his temptations in the wilderness are over. Jesus comes down to the place along the Jordan where John is preaching and baptizing.

How does John greet him this time? (John 1:29)

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Two of John's disciples were there and they follow Jesus and spend the evening with him. One of them is Andrew. The next day he goes immediately to find his brother Simon and tells him: "We have found the Messiah!"

## A New Name

### Read John 1:35-42

What name did Jesus give to Simon? \_\_\_\_\_

The name here is in Aramaic, which is a language that had replaced Hebrew as the language of the Jews. What was this name interpreted to mean?

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Can you figure out what the Greek form of the name was? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the name Simon mean? \_\_\_\_\_

In the Bible, names are often descriptive of the person, or something relating to them. However, in the Gospel accounts when Jesus speaks to Peter by name, he most often called him “Simon”. Perhaps this tells us that this new name was given to him as something to live up to rather than something that was true at that moment. As we get to know Peter better we may be able to see more clearly how following Jesus changed him so that he did live up to this name.

## **FOLLOW ME**

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### **Read Luke 5:1-11**

It was probably not until Herod took John the Baptist and put him in prison that Jesus began to call his disciples to follow him. Peter and the others had gone back to their livelihood and were busy washing their nets when Jesus came down to the Sea of Galilee. He borrowed one of the boats and sat in it to teach the multitudes of people who had come to listen to him.

When he had finished teaching, what did he ask Peter to do? (Luke 5:4)

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Jesus was talking to professional fishermen. They knew all about when to go out fishing, and when not to. But Peter was about to learn that in every circumstance he could trust Jesus to know what he was talking about.

How does Peter answer Jesus? (Luke 5:5) \_\_\_\_\_

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I’m sure that you have probably felt this way at some point. You do what you are told because you respect the person who has asked you, but inside you may be thinking, “He doesn’t know what he is talking about. This is never going to work.” Perhaps Peter was a little worried as well that if they caught nothing, it would not look good for Jesus.

What surprise did they get? (Luke 5:6) \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Peter react to this event? (Luke 5:8) \_\_\_\_\_

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Peter already knew that Jesus was the Messiah. He was willing to listen to his teaching, and he was willing to obey him even against what he thought was his own better judgment. But now, he knows Jesus is a man who knows things that he doesn’t - like where the fish are without any experience as a fisherman, with-

out even being on the water. How did he know that? Peter is overcome by his inferiority before a man like this!

What does Jesus say to him? (Luke 5:10) \_\_\_\_\_

What is their response? (Luke 5:11) \_\_\_\_\_

Great multitudes of people began to follow Jesus to listen to his teaching, and to be healed of their illnesses. One day Jesus came to Peter's house and found Peter's wife's mother very sick. The disciples had already seen Jesus touch lepers and heal them, touch the paralyzed and they got up and walked, touch those afflicted with mental disease and they were calmed and healed. Once again, the family watched as Jesus simply touched this woman's hand, and she arose well and healthy. One can imagine that afterwards this was one mother-in-law fully supportive of Peter going off to follow Jesus!

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## ❧ Faith ❧

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Later on in his life, Peter wrote two letters to his fellow believers. These letters are full of the lessons he learned in his time spent following the Lord Jesus. He started out with faith, believing that Jesus was the Messiah, but he learned that faith has to be developed and grown to produce fruit. He made a list of some things to add to faith so that faith is not barren or unfruitful (2 Peter 1:5-7).

This is an important lesson for all of us to learn. Faith is meant to produce fruit, but that only happens if it is nurtured. We are going to look at how to do this. But first, we will make sure we know what faith is.

Look up the word faith (1 Peter 1:5) in a concordance and write down the definition.

Look up each of these verses and write down what it says about faith.

Hebrews 11:1,6 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 4:2 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 2:4,5 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 4:20-24 \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:16 \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith is a choice. We choose to have faith based on what we know. For example, we have faith that tomorrow the sun will rise again because we know that it has risen every morning for many, many years.**

From what we have looked at so far in this workbook, why did Peter have faith that Jesus was the Messiah? Try to find at least two reasons.

Is it possible to have faith in something you know nothing about? \_\_\_\_\_

Give two reasons for why you have faith in God.

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# TWELVE DISCIPLES

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## Read Matthew 10:1-14

Jesus chose twelve men to be his closest friends and disciples.

Make a list of them here: (Matthew 10:2-4)

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Where did Jesus send them? (Matthew 10:5-6)

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What were they to preach? (Matthew 10:7, Mark 6:12)

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What were they to do? (Matthew 10:8)

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How were they to prepare for their mission? (Matthew 10:9-10)

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This was a temporary mission where Jesus sent them off by themselves two by two to take what they had learned from being with him and begin to share it. When they came back, they were eager to share what they had done and taught. Around this time Jesus and his disciples had received sad news. John the Baptist, who had been in prison, had been killed by Herod. Jesus took his disciples away to a desert place so they could rest awhile, but this was not to be. Multitudes of people followed them, and Jesus had compassion on them and taught them and healed their sick. This went on all day, until it began to get dark and the disciples became anxious about sending the people away.

# Walking on Water

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## Read Matthew 14:23-33

What did Jesus do then? (Matthew 14:16-20) \_\_\_\_\_

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What did Jesus start with, and what was left when everyone had eaten? (Matthew 14:17,20)

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What did the crowd realize when they had all been filled with this miraculous food? (John 6:14)

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What did they wish to do to Jesus? (John 6:15) \_\_\_\_\_

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The disciples may have looked at this with excitement. Surely this was what Jesus was supposed to do - become King! But if they were thinking this, they were disappointed.

What did Jesus do? (Matthew 14:22,23) \_\_\_\_\_

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The disciples were sent away in their boat and had been toiling away on the water for hours. It was dark and stormy, and they were trying to row against the great wind that was whipping across the lake. As day began to dawn, Jesus went to them walking on the water.

What did they think and do when they saw him? (Matthew 14:26) \_\_\_\_\_

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How did Jesus respond to them? (Matthew 14:27) \_\_\_\_\_

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This wasn't the first time the disciples had been out on the lake in the middle of a storm. They had seen Jesus rebuke the wind and waves and witnessed the instant obedience as the wind stopped and the waves calmed. You would think they would be calling to him, "Lord, save us, we perish!" as they had before. But instead of calling Jesus to come to them, Peter asks if he can come to Jesus. And



## Jesus says, “Come.”

What happens if you jump off a boat into deep water in the middle of a storm?

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What did Peter believe would happen to him?

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Peter started out walking on the water. He was doing what he believed Jesus would help him to do.

What made Peter start to sink? (Matthew 14:30) \_\_\_\_\_

Now Peter had another choice - he could try to make it back to the boat, or he could keep looking to Jesus.

What did he do? \_\_\_\_\_

Write out what Jesus said to him: (Matthew 14:31) \_\_\_\_\_

Peter does have faith at this point, even if it is just “little” and even though he doesn’t fully understand what Jesus is doing. He is ready to believe that nothing is impossible with God, and he obeys Jesus’ invitation to “Come.” Faith needs to be practiced by being obedient in small things, and looking in the right direction when we need help. We will also have times when we start to sink, but the important thing is to have faith, and to keep practicing it.

They come back to the boat together and immediately the wind stops. The rest of the disciples have been anxiously watching and now despite any disappointment they may feel in him rejecting being made king, they cannot doubt that he is the Son of God.

## GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH...

# virtue

Look up the word virtue in a concordance (2 Peter 1:5), and write out the meaning.

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The origins of this word seem to come from the idea of strength either in mind or body. Strength of mind is like being certain about what is right so that we don't react to situations based on how we are feeling at that moment, but how we know we should - like self-control but in a positive way - so that we do the good things that we should instead of concentrating on not doing the things we shouldn't.

Read through the Beatitudes and write down the characteristics that are blessed (Matthew 5:3-11). Talk to your parents about why they think these virtues are blessed.

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Peter had faith that Jesus was the Messiah. When you have faith in something, you need to show that faith by the actions you take. For example, if you are a farmer and in the dead of winter you believe that spring will come, you need to get your seeds together, start your transplants and show that you believe that warm weather will come again. Every year that his faith is shown to be well-founded, the farmer's faith grows stronger, so that even in years when spring comes very late, he doesn't waver. This can happen with our faith in God as well if we put it to work - if we do our best to act like Him, despite how we may feel about it, and then look back later and see how it does strengthen our faith.

For example, you may look at the beatitudes and wonder why being “poor in spirit” is something that is blessed - but being poor in spirit is realizing the limits of our own abilities (we get sick, we make mistakes, we can’t always see the consequences of our actions) and therefore our need for God. Once you are willing to accept His authority and the duty that He has called us to you will find that it does bring a blessing. And this strengthens our faith when we can see that God does indeed know what is best for us.

Pick two of the blessings and write down how you think you will add them to your faith.

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One thing we have to remember, however, is that although we need to take the step out of the boat, the ability to accomplish what we set out to do comes from God and we have to keep looking to Him.

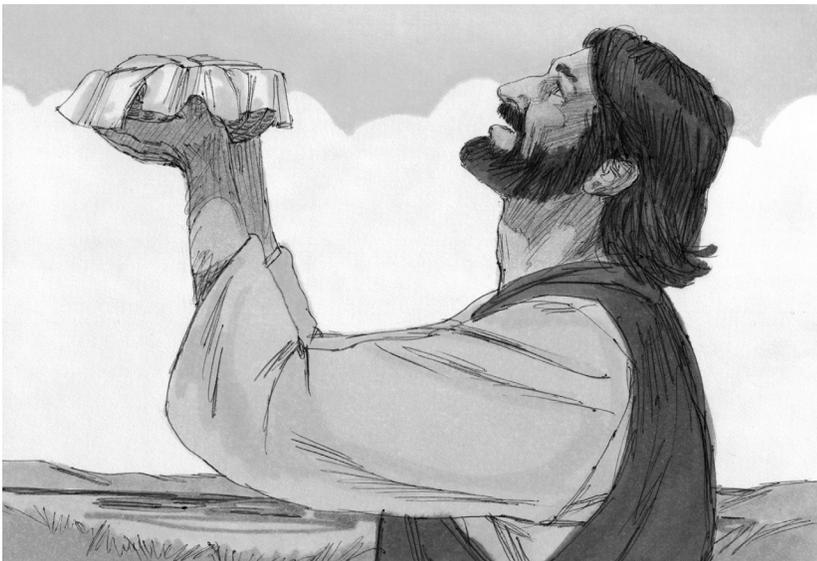
## Bread of Life

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Why were the multitudes following Jesus? (John 6:2)

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After being fed with the miraculous bread and fish the day before, the multitudes are eager to find him again.



What was their reason for searching him out this time? (John 6:26)

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This time Jesus does not feed them free bread. He tells them about the real Bread of Life that they should be seeking. They claim that Moses fed their ancestors for forty years in the wilderness with bread

from heaven (manna), but Jesus points out that the manna did nothing more than feed them, their forefathers had died in the wilderness as rebels. The people had to stop looking for someone who could provide for them best in their life now, but what would provide them eternal life.

What did Jesus tell them they must do? (John 6:51)

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How did many of the disciples of Jesus react to these words? (John 6:66)

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Gradually the multitudes moved away and Jesus stood with the twelve men he had chosen. He looked at them, and then asked them, “Will you also go away?”

What does Peter say? (John 6:68,69)

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Peter was a very loyal and perceptive man. He could see what Jesus meant. Jesus was the very word of God made flesh.

What does Deuteronomy 8:3 say about this?

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## **ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH**

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### **Read Matthew 16:13-23**

Who did the people say that Jesus was? (Matthew 16:14)

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Did you notice that they did not mention the “Messiah”? They knew that he was someone special, there could be no doubt about that, but when the bread in the wilderness was not repeated, they no longer considered him “the prophet like unto Moses.”

When Jesus asked his disciples who they said he was, once again it was the faithful Peter who spoke up.

Who did Peter say Jesus was? (Matthew 16:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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Peter's answer contained no doubt. Even though his fellow disciples may have not been too sure, even though the public doubted, Peter knew what the prophets spoke about the Christ and he believed Jesus was this man.

Who does Jesus say revealed this to Peter? (Matthew 16:17)

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Perhaps this is telling us that our faith in Christ cannot be based on what we hear from our fellowmen, but it must come from the very words of God Himself. We must read His Word to gain true knowledge of God and have faith in His son Jesus.

Jesus says some interesting words to Peter next. This is one of the occasions when Jesus speaks to Peter by the name that he gave to him when they first met. The other occasion is in Luke 22:34, right after Peter stated his unending loyalty to Jesus. Perhaps this staunch loyalty, no matter what, is why Jesus gave Peter a name which is the masculine form of the word for "rock". There were times when he didn't quite live up to it, but there were times when Peter was a source of encouragement for Jesus when he most needed it.

What did Jesus say he would build on the rock? (Matthew 16:18)

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What does Paul say the church is built on? (Ephesians 2:19,20)

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What are the gates of hell? (Isaiah 38:10)

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What did Jesus say he would give to Peter? (Matthew 16:19)

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What do you think this might refer to? What do you use a key for? (see also Luke 11:52)

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Peter, and the other disciples who shared this faith in Jesus being the Christ and the Son of God would be the ones who would begin to build the church of Christ once Jesus had died and been resurrected making a way. They would be the authority under inspiration of the Holy Spirit for what became binding and what was loosed in the new church. This responsibility was given also to the other disciples in Matthew 18.

After this, do you wonder why Jesus told his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ? Most people thought that the Christ or Messiah would deliver them right then and there. But this was not the plan of God. The proper time for the disciples to begin preaching Jesus as the Christ was not yet.

What does Jesus tell them would happen to him first? (Matthew 16:21)

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This is a difficult thing for anyone to anticipate. Peter couldn't imagine that the Son of God would choose to let this happen to him. He did not yet completely understand.

What did Peter say to Jesus? (Matthew 16:22)

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Was Peter taking a follower or a leader position in saying this?

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What does Jesus tell Peter to do? (Matthew 16:23)

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What does the word "savourest" mean? Look it up in a concordance. (Matthew 16:23)

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By saying what he did, how was Peter savouring the things of men?

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Write out what Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 16:24.

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When Jesus took up his cross, where was he going?

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If you "take up a cross" and follow him, where are you going? (John 19:17)

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# The Transfiguration

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## Read Matthew 17:1-9

Who did Jesus take up into the mountain with him? (Matthew 17:1)

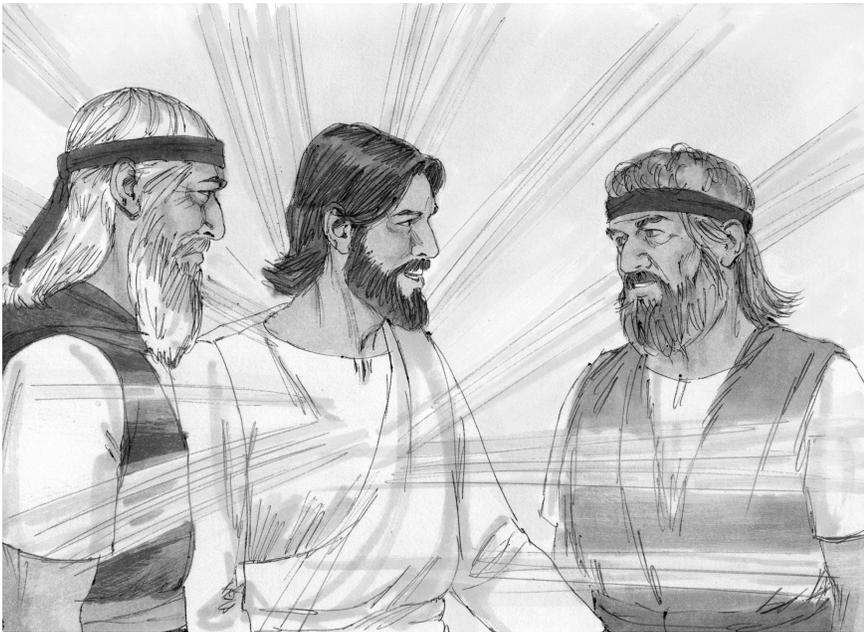
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Look up the word "transfigured" in a concordance. What does it mean?

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Read through Revelation 1:13-17. What similarities do you notice?

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Who appeared to him?  
(Matthew 17:3)

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What were they talking  
about? (Luke 9:31)

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What experience did Moses have on a mountain? (Exodus 34:1-8, Deuteronomy 34:1-4)

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What experiences did Elijah have on a mountain? (1 Kings 18:20-40; 19:10-18)

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Peter once again is the one to speak up. In the Mark account it says that he did not know what he was saying. He did not really understand what was happening. He thought maybe they should make three tabernacles, one for Moses, Elijah and Jesus as though they were all equal. But Moses (who represented the Law) and Elijah (who represented the prophets) were now about to be fulfilled in Jesus through his death and resurrection. He was the one who would be exalted above all. God made this plain to them. They were to listen to His Son and be his witnesses.

What did the voice they heard say? (Matthew 17:5)

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Afterward Jesus tells them to tell the *vision* to no one. This seems most often in the New Testament to be referring to something that is seen, but is not necessarily real, something like a dream. We can't say for sure whether Moses and Elijah were really there or not, however what we believe the Bible teaches about death would make it more likely that they were seen in a vision rather than actually being there in person. This vision was primarily to give the disciples a visual of what was happening to the Law and the Prophets - they were being eclipsed by Christ, and a glimpse into the future, a vision to hold in their minds of Jesus in His glory so that they could speak confidently about it in the future.

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## **KNOWLEDGE**

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We are to add to our faith knowledge. There is a certain amount of knowledge required to have faith at all in the first place, but this knowledge has to keep growing.

Look up the word "knowledge" (2 Peter 1:5) and write out what it means.

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Look up the following verses and write out what they say about knowledge.

Proverbs 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Proverbs 2:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 24:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 22:17 \_\_\_\_\_

John 17:3 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 3:18 \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps you may remember that Peter's first name was Simon, and that Simon comes from a word that means "to hear". He had been with Jesus for some time now, he had listened to his words of teaching, he had listened to him read from the Scriptures, he had watched him heal with compassion, he had heard him rebuke the Jewish leaders, and he had been rebuked himself. In all of this, he had been listening and he allowed his knowledge to change him.



**Read through the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-8).**

What is the seed? (Matthew 13:19)

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What happened to the seed that fell in the wayside? (Matthew 13:4)

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What happened to the seed on the stony ground? (Matthew 13:5,6)

What happened to the seed that fell among the thorns? (Matthew 13:7)

What happened to the seed in the good ground? (Matthew 13:8)

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What do you need to do to make sure that the soil in your ground is not hard packed, or stony, or weedy? (Matthew 13:23)

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You can learn in the same ways that Peter did. We have the whole Bible today and the freedom to read it whenever we want to. Like Peter, you need to be with Jesus every day.

## **Peter Denies Jesus**

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### **Read Matthew 26:30-75**

Jesus knew that these last hours of his life would be spent with no help from his fellow men. Even though all of his disciples considered themselves loyal enough to Jesus that they promised to stand with him in his difficulties, Jesus knew that they were not that strong yet, although they would be eventually.

What did Jesus say would happen to Peter? (Matthew 26:34, 35)

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Who did Jesus take with him when he went to pray? (Matthew 26:37)

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Jesus asked them to "watch" with him. What does this word "watch" mean? Look it up in a concordance.

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What were the disciples doing when he came back to them? (Matthew 26:40)

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What happens if you do not "watch and pray"? (Matthew 26:41)

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What does Jesus say is the problem with the flesh, even if the spirit is willing? (Matthew 26:41)

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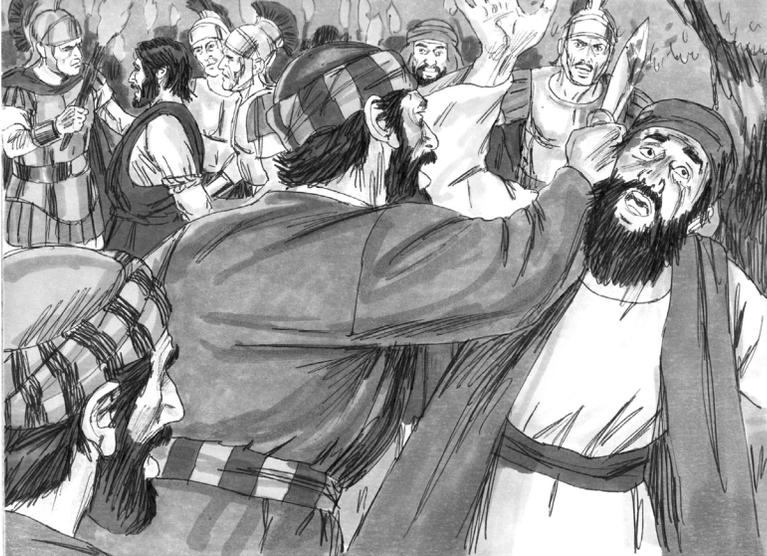
At this very moment, what is Jesus struggling with?

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When Jesus comes back the third time, he comes with the strength he needs to do His Father's will even though it meant suffering and death. He no longer needs the help of men.

How does Judas betray Jesus? (Matthew 26:48,49)

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Who is it that takes out his sword and cuts off the high priest's servant's ear? (John 18:10-11)

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How does Jesus fix this? (Luke 22:51)

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What does he say to Peter? (Matthew 26:52)

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What could Jesus do that was much more powerful than a sword? (Matthew 26:53)

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What does Jesus say he himself must do? (John 18:11)

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What happened to all of the disciples? (Matthew 26:56)

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Peter, however, did not go far. He followed the mob to the High Priest's Palace and went right in. He wanted to be there and know for himself what would happen.

What were the chief priests, elders and all the council desperately looking for? (Matthew 26:59,60)

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Do you think that Jesus had a fair trial here? Why or why not.

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What did Peter say when he was asked three times if he was with Jesus? (Matthew 26:69-74)

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Why do you think he denied knowing Jesus?

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What happened when the cock crowed? (Luke 22:60,61)

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What was different between the reaction of Peter and the reaction of Judas when they realized that they had denied Jesus? (Matthew 27:4,5; Luke 22:62)

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## **Temperance**

Look up the word "temperance" (2 Peter 1:6) in a concordance and write down what it means.

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Look up the following verses and write down what they have to say about temperance.

Proverbs 16:32 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 25:28 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Daniel 1:8 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans 12:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 Corinthians 9:25-27 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Revelation 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Peter learned a lot in this section about how the flesh gives in to what is easy and sounds better. It is weak, because it does not want to exert the effort to do the better but harder things. This is something that is a life-long battle for everyone. But with God's help, it can be worked at and practiced and even overcome if we keep at it.**

Read Mark 9:34,35. What were the disciples arguing about?

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How did Jesus answer them? (Mark 9:35)

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How did Peter react when Jesus washed his feet? (John 13:8)

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What did Jesus tell all of them? (John 13:14)

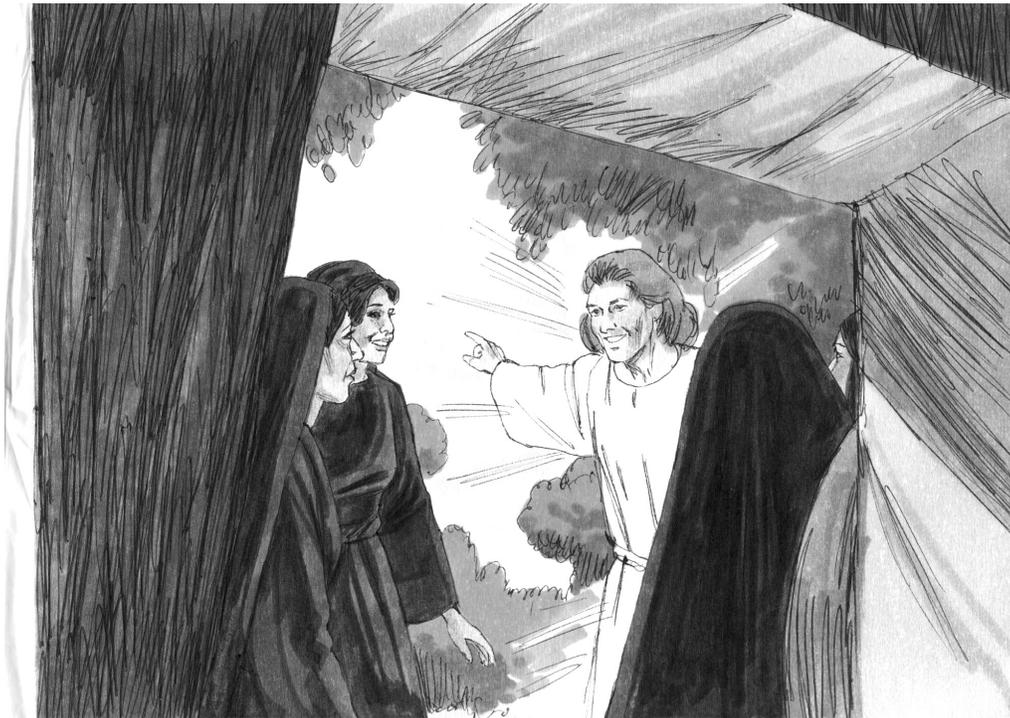
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Write down two examples of what you can do to show self-control by being last, or a servant to others.

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Jesus was condemned by the Jewish leaders and taken out of the city and crucified. This was a sad day for all of the disciples, but when Mary came with her news of the two angels and their message that Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter is on his feet and running to the tomb.

What did Peter find when he arrived there? (John 20:6,7)

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What did he not understand yet? (John 20:9)

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Although Jesus had told the disciples about this more than once, for some reason it had not been fully understood. But once Jesus had appeared to them and they could see for themselves that this was the same Jesus they knew had been crucified and killed, they never doubted again.

# Feed My Sheep

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## Read John 21:1-19

What did the disciples go back to doing while they waited for Jesus to meet them as he had said he would? (John 21:3)

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What did Jesus tell them to do when he knew they had caught nothing? (John 21:6)

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Does this remind you of what happened when Jesus first met these fishermen on the shore? At that time Peter had gone to his knees before Jesus, recognizing his own sinfulness and he had asked Jesus to depart from him. This time too he has firsthand knowledge of how weak the flesh is, even though the spirit may be willing, but now he knows how much he needs to be right behind this Son of God.

Perhaps Jesus has already had a private meeting with Peter to discuss his denial (1 Corinthians 15:5) and make certain that he knew he was forgiven, for when Peter sees Jesus, there is no hanging back in shame.

What did Peter do when he recognized that it was Jesus? (John 21:7)

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How many fish did they catch this time? (John 21:11) \_\_\_\_\_

**This time their net didn't break. They came and sat down to eat with Jesus. When they had eaten, Jesus and Peter had a little talk.**

What did Jesus ask Peter? (John 21:15) \_\_\_\_\_

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What did Peter reply? (John 21:15) \_\_\_\_\_

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It is not obvious in English that the word that Jesus used for love is a different one than the one Peter used. Jesus used the word "agape" which was the kind of love that would lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). This is the kind of love that Peter had promised Jesus earlier. Here Peter uses the word "phileo"

which is the kind of love of a friend - a good kind of love, but Peter has learned that agape love is not as easy as he had thought.

What seemingly unrelated thing does Jesus ask Peter to do? (John 21:15)

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Look up the word "feed". What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jesus asks the same question again, and Peter gives the same answer.**

What does Jesus ask Peter to do this time? (John 21:16) \_\_\_\_\_

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Look up the word "feed" here. What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jesus asks Peter the same question one more time, but this time he uses "phileo" too, and Peter answers in the same way.**

What does Jesus ask Peter to do this final time? (John 21:17)

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**Peter denied Jesus three times, and now he has affirmed his love for Jesus three times. And Jesus has given him the work to do in beginning the church.**

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**Patience**

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Look up this word "patience" (2 Peter 1:6) and write out what it means.

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Read the following verses and write out what they say about patience.

Romans 2:7 \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 5:3,4 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 5:7,8 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 6:11,12 \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 8:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Patience can often only be truly learned in suffering. It is easy to hold on to our faith when all is going well, but when trouble comes, that is when our steadfastness is tested.

Peter learned the importance of suffering in the life of a believer and he wrote about it in his epistles. Find all the places in 1 and 2 Peter that mention suffering, and summarize what the proper attitude to suffering should be.

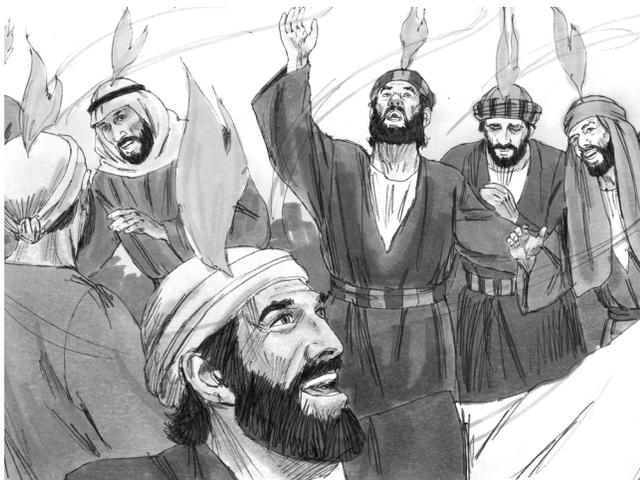
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## The HOLY SPIRIT



**Read Acts 2:1-8**

What was the day of Pentecost? Look it up in a Bible Dictionary.

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What sound did they hear? (Acts 2:2) \_\_\_\_\_

What appeared above each of them? (Acts 2:3) \_\_\_\_\_

What did this give them the ability to do? (Acts 2:4) \_\_\_\_\_

Read through the part of Peter's speech about Jesus (Acts 2:22-36). How did Peter show the people that David was speaking about Jesus and not himself in verse 27?



What happened to the people who were listening? (Acts 2:37)

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What does it mean to "repent"?  
Look up the word in a concordance.

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Can you see repentance? \_\_\_\_\_

What does it mean to be "baptized"? Look up the word in a concordance.

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What is baptism a symbol of? (Romans 6:4) \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you see baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

**What God wants us to understand is that there are no reasons for confidence in us being able to save ourselves, instead we have to seek for something worthy of confidence - and that is God. Repentance happens in our heart, and baptism is a visible demonstration of what has happened to us.**

What does Peter say will happen after repentance and baptism? (Acts 2:38)

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What were some of the gifts of the Spirit? (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

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How would these gifts help form the early church?

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How many were added to the church on that day? (Acts 2:41) \_\_\_\_\_

What did they continue in? (Acts 2:42) \_\_\_\_\_

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Who did wonders and signs? (Acts 2:43) \_\_\_\_\_

What did they do with their possessions and goods? (Acts 2:45) \_\_\_\_\_

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## HEALING OF THE LAME MAN

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### Read Acts 3:1-11

How long had the man been lame? \_\_\_\_\_

It is likely this man had been sitting by the gate of the temple for a long time. Probably Jesus had walked by him more than once. But most of the healings that Jesus did took place outside of Jerusalem.

What did Peter do to heal him? (Acts 3:7) \_\_\_\_\_

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What was the reaction of the lame man? (Acts 3:8) \_\_\_\_\_

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Does this remind you of how Jesus healed people - reaching out to touch them, showing compassion?

## PETER'S VISION

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### Read Acts 4:1-21

Something was happening that the Jewish Leaders had not expected. They had thought they could get rid of Jesus and then continue on in their self-righteous

positions, but instead the lowly, uneducated followers of Jesus were gaining followers by the thousands! The Jewish leaders arrested them and then put them on trial. It seems they even arrested the man who had been healed.

How did Peter answer their question: By what power, or what name, have ye done this? (Acts 4:10)

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There was nothing they could say. They could see the man who had sat crippled by the gate for so long, standing and healthy before them. There was no question that a miracle had taken place.

How did Peter answer their command not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus? (Acts 4:19)

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## **Godliness**

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Look up the word "godliness" (2 Peter 1:6) and write out what it means.

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Look up the following verses and write down what they say about godliness.

1 Timothy 4:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 1:15 \_\_\_\_\_

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Philippians 1:27 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Peter 1:3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Psalm 24:4,5 \_\_\_\_\_

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Read through the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-10. How did these two fail in godliness?

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Using the verses you looked up about godliness, write down two ways you can train yourself for godliness.

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### **Read Acts 10:1-48**

Who was Cornelius? (Acts 10:1) \_\_\_\_\_

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What three things are we told that Cornelius did? (Acts 10:2) \_\_\_\_\_

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Go back to your map and find Joppa and Caesarea on your map. These two cities were probably about (58 km) 36 miles apart - a good ten hour walk from one another. Peter was in Joppa because the disciples there had called him at the death of a beloved woman Tabitha who he brought back to life.

Can you think of another servant of God who went to Joppa? (hint: he was swallowed by a fish)

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He had left Joppa on a ship bound for Tarshish to get away from preaching to Gentiles, and here was Peter perhaps praying for a ship to Tarshish so he could fulfill his mission of preaching to the Gentiles.

Draw the vision that Peter had. What sort of animals do you imagine were in the sheet (Acts 10:10-16)



How many times was the vision repeated? (Acts 10:16) \_\_\_\_\_

**There are three times that Peter experiences things in threes. This final one taught him to leave behind his obligations to the Law which would hinder him in fulfilling his mission to the Gentiles. From now on, the Gentiles also “had been granted repentance until life.”**

Who did Peter take with him to Caesarea? (Acts 10:23) \_\_\_\_\_

Who had Cornelius called together? (Acts 10:24) \_\_\_\_\_

What was unlawful for the Jews? (Acts 10:28) \_\_\_\_\_

What had God showed Peter through the visions he had? (Acts 10:28,35)

While Peter was speaking to them, what happened? (Acts 10:44)

What did Peter command them to do next? (Acts 10:48)

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**Brotherly Kindness**

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Look up what "brotherly kindness" (1 Peter 1:7) means and write it out.

Look up the following verses and write down what they say about brotherly kindness.

Romans 12:10 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:22 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 3:8,9 \_\_\_\_\_

John 13:34,35 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 3:16-18 \_\_\_\_\_

One thing that we all need in order to grow in brotherly kindness is other people to practice on. We grow in our ability to be like Christ when we are in company with others (who may not always be people we would choose to be with), not when we are alone.

Read through the story of Dorcas in Acts 9:36-42. How did this woman show "brotherly kindness"?

Give two examples of what you could do to show brotherly kindness to the people in your life.

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## Peter in Prison

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### Read Acts 12:1-25

What did Herod do in order to please the Jews? (Acts 12:2,3)

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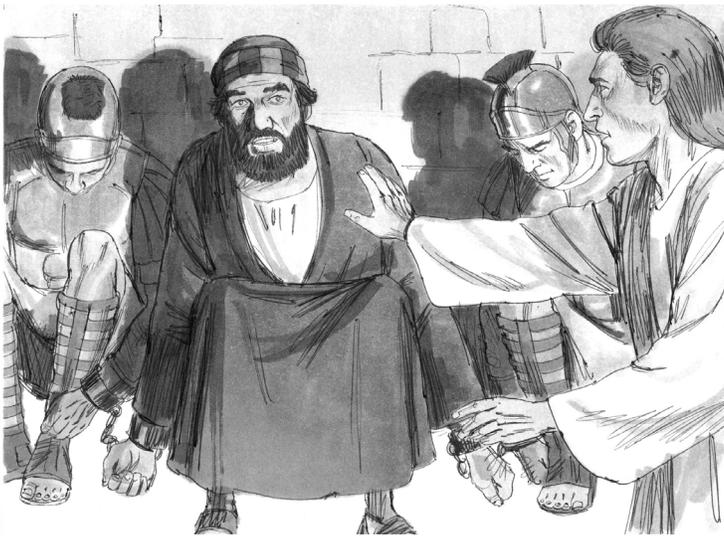
What kind of security did Herod have in place with Peter? (Acts 12:4,6)

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What kind of support did Peter have behind him? (Acts 12:5)

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It is hard not to think back to when Peter was in the garden with Jesus, and his faith was in his own abilities with a sword. His faith is not in himself this time: he is sleeping. He now experiences for himself the power of prayer, and how that it is so much more effective: his chains simply fall from his hands, and the iron gate opens of its own accord, while all the security Herod had posted don't even notice.

Whose house does Peter go to? (Acts 12:12) \_\_\_\_\_

These people were not sleeping. What were they doing? (Acts 12:12)

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No one seems to believe it could possibly be Peter at first, but finally they open the door and realize it is him and let him in to tell his remarkable story.

Can you imagine the scene at the prison when the soldiers wake up and find Peter gone!

What do the next few verses tell you about the character of this man Herod?  
(Acts 12:19-23)

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## **The Gentiles and the Law**

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### **Read Acts 15:1-11**

What were the men from Judaea trying to insist the Christians in Antioch obey?  
(Acts 15:1,5)

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How did the believers Paul and Barnabus encountered receive the news of the conversion of the Gentiles? (Acts 15:3)

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How did Peter show that God saw no difference between the physically circumcised or uncircumsised? (Acts 15:8)

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What point does Peter make about the Law? (Acts 15:10)

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This is something that we have to remember as well. The Law could not do anything to take away sin - it was only able to remind people that they were sinners. God is looking for changed hearts: people who obey out of love and not because ticking off checkboxes makes them feel righteous.

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**Charity**

Look up this word "charity" (2 Peter 1:7) and write down what it means.

Although Peter had promised this kind of love to Jesus when he was a young, inexperienced disciple, he came to understand that this kind of love takes time and effort to develop. It begins with faith, but requires the discipline of taking actions based on our faith, gaining knowledge, developing self-control, being steadfast even in suffering, having a desire to become like Christ, and the practice of showing love to our brothers and sisters. It may seem like a lot of work, but the effort is well worth it.

What does 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 say we are like if we do not have charity?

Read through 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 and write down the 15 things it says about charity.

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- 14. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. \_\_\_\_\_

Now go back and write beside each statement its opposite.

Most of us, looking at this list, will be able to see that we do not yet have fully formed “agape” in our lives. It is not meant to be a list that makes us feel like failures, but one that inspires us to feel that “agape” love is something worth working towards.

Find all the verses in Peter’s epistles that speak about love using a concordance. See if you can also find out how Peter died. Do you think Peter finally learned to love (agape) the Lord Jesus and feed his sheep? Why or why not?

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*“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

2 Peter 1:8