

Peter

Observations of Transformation from Peter's Life

LW - Summary of Peter's Life

1. Life of High Highs and Low Lows – But Jesus saw Him as he was, and as he would become!
2. Sin of Commission vs. Sin of Omission – Rather have you do something wrong, than nothing at all!
3. The Unseen Cost of Leadership – Our Leaders are not perfect!
4. Power of Repentance – That opens the doors for...
5. Forgiven/Restoration – Failures don't have to be Final!!!

Five Observations of Transformation from Peter's Life

1. Obedience – Acts 1:13

John 1:40-42⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

* Forsook

Mark 1:16-17¹⁶ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw (found) Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea(fishing); for they were fishermen. ¹⁷Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

Mark 14:50⁵⁰ Then they all forsook Him and fled.

* After denying...

John 21:3³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

John 21:4⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore (found); yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. He called to them, "Children, have you any food(fish)?"

John 21:22²² Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

Acts 1:4-5⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:13¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James.

Acts 2:4⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

* Through Obedience – Peter Received the Fuel and Fire to Follow Jesus!

2. From Fear to Faith, Cowering to Conviction, Denial to Determined

Now Fueled with the Fire of the Holy Spirit, we see a markedly different Man from **Mark 14:66-72** Records of his failing in fear, and denial in the dark, sitting before a servant girl

* Luke records in

* **Acts 2:14-39** – Peter's Message of Conviction and Repentance to the Multitude!

* **Acts 4:13-20** – After Peter and John were arrested (Acts 4:1-4) for preaching (Acts 3), Peter puts the Sanhedrin in their place!

* The man who denied him in the Dark, now openly Proclaims in Public!

3. Chastening to Celebrating

* What drew Peter's greatest chastening? Contradicting Christ?!

Matthew 16:21-23 ²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Act 10:9-23 – Peter's Vision, Initial Refusal – Complying/Applying

* Result? **Acts 11:18** ¹⁸When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

4. Pounding of Pride to the Harmony of Humility

Matthew 26:31-35 ³¹Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" ³²But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ³⁵Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

Luke 22:31-34 ³¹And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." ³³But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." ³⁴Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

1 Peter 5:5-9 ⁵Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." ⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹Resist him(his temptation of pride!), steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

5. Restoration of the Repentant (Failures don't have to be Final)!

1 Peter 5:1-4 ¹The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ²Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

John 21:15-17 ¹⁵So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

* Shepherd = Gk "Poimaino" = Tend; Flock – Gk – Poimnion

Conclusion

* Jesus saw him as he was, but also as he would become!

* While Peter went from High/Highs to Low/Lows – Failures don't have to be Final!