

Peter Molding of a Leader

“Jesus took a tough-minded, successful businessman with a lot of raw talent and many rough edges and eventually _____ him into a man of God.”

“One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.” John 1:40-41

I. Background of Peter

- A. He was from _____
- B. Married and head of a _____
- C. Probably part of the Galilean group at the _____ (Luke 23:49; I Peter 5:1)
- D. Named _____ in all apostle lists.
- E. Most influential apostle in the _____
 - 1. Peter suggested a replacement for _____
 - 2. 120 received the Holy Spirit but only Peter's words are _____
 - 3. He and John performed the first _____ after Pentecost.
 - 4. Peter _____ extensively on missionary journeys.
 - 5. Ministered to _____ but known as the “Apostle to the Jews” Galatians 2:8

“As Paul took a more active role in the work of the church and as the Jews became more hostile to Christianity, Peter faded into the background of the New Testament narrative.”

- F. Writer of _____ books of the New Testament - _____

“And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A _____.” John 1:42

II. Changes to Peter

- A. Changed Name – First meeting with _____ John 1:42
 - 1. Simeon (Hebrew)/Simon (Greek) – “hearing”
 - 2. Cephas (Aramaic)/Peter (Greek) - “rock” - _____

“And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of _____. ²⁰And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.” Matthew 4:18-20

B. Changed Occupation – *“Peter went from the head of a fishing business to the head of fishing for men business!”*

1. Left and traveled with many of the _____ group of men.
2. Peter continued to be the _____. “These men were already comfortable working with each other and reporting to Peter”

“And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to _____ him.” Mark 8:31-32

C. Changed Leadership Style

1. Old Style –
2. New Style –

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. ³³And he said unto him, Lord, I am _____ to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.” Luke 22:31-33

D. Changed Pride - Peter’s Ultimate Failure

1. Bold, prideful statements concerning his _____ to Christ - Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38 - proof action - _____
2. _____ Christ in Judgment Hall - Mark 14:54-72
3. Defeated returned to his “_____”
Even though Christ appeared to him _____ times!
4. Restoration comes with _____! It always does!
“_____ for the Savior is the prerequisite for _____!” – John 21:15-19

- C. It takes time to become the person God wants you to become. –
“*Becoming like Christ is a _____.*”

“God specialized in _____ hearts, _____ our self-centered energy, and _____ our raw talent and abilities to achieve His purposes in this world....If we’ll follow Him, listen to His teachings, and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, learn the _____ He wants to learn we’ll become the men and woman He can use to _____ the world as Peter did!”

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