

Hebrews A Great Cloud of Witnesses

THE REAL AND BIBLICAL FAITH OF PETER

Peter is the fisherman that became a fisher of men. Who we see in the book of Acts and the words we read in 1 & 2 Peter are far different than who we see and hear throughout the gospels. While some aspects of this drastic life change took place _____, other aspects took _____ as the Lord faithfully worked in, through, and around him in his daily life. It can be easy at times to “throw Peter under the bus” when we read the gospels and see examples of his immaturity and lack of faith, but we ought not to overlook the fact that he was truly a man of faith even when his faith was misplaced or his self-will got in the way of God’s will. Ultimately, the word of God is honest and faithful to use Peter’s life, flaws and all, to give us a pattern of what a real, biblical faith looks like as we walk in the flesh in this fallen world. As we need to increase our faith to glorify God, so Peter needed to increase his faith to accomplish all the Lord needed and wanted him to accomplish to the glory of God.

“Biblical faith means having trust, assurance, or confidence in God and his word. It means you stop trusting yourself and trust him. It means total dependence on God. Faith releases you from your limited abilities to his unlimited, all-powerful abilities.”

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1. HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

- a. Jesus met Peter right where he was – Romans 10:17; Acts 8:35
 - i. The testimony of Andrew, his brother – Jn. 1:40-42
 - ii. The healing of his mother-in-law – Lk. 4:38-40
 - iii. The miracle of the great multitude of fishes – Lk. 5:1-11
- b. The Lord is faithful to meet you right where you are to lead you into a life of faith with him – Matt. 4:19; Jn. 10:27; Ps. 103:14; 138:6; Is. 57:15

2. YIELD AND SUBMIT TO THE WORD OF GOD

- a. Peter forsook all and followed Jesus – Matthew 4:18-20; Luke 5:10-11; 18:28

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- b. Peter learned repeatedly that submission by faith is a continual battle:
- i. Fearing the storm – Mk. 4:35-41
 - ii. Walking on water – Matt. 14:22-33
 - iii. Remaining faithful when many disciples walked away – Jn. 6:66-69
 - iv. Misspeaking at Jesus' transfiguration – Lk 9:28-36
 - v. Rebuking Jesus when Jesus foretold of his death – Mk. 8:31-33
 - vi. Not understanding when Jesus washed his disciples' feet – Jn. 13:4-10
 - vii. Sleeping in the garden when he should have been praying – Matt. 26:36-46;
Mk. 14:34-42
 - viii. Cutting off Malchus' ear when Jesus was arrested – Jn. 18:10-11
 - ix. Denying Jesus three times – Mk. 14:27-31; Lk. 22:31-34, 54-62

3. LIVE BY FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD – John 21:19-22; Romans 1:17

- a. _____ the word of God – Acts 1:4, 8, 11-14, 15-26; 2:14-47; 2 Pt. 1:16-21
- b. Be in remembrance of the truth of the word of God – 2 Pt. 1:9-15; 3:1
- c. Cultivate an _____ perspective – 1 Pt. 1:3-6; 2 Pt. 3:9-15
- d. Endure temptations and trials of your faith – 1 Pt. 1:6-8; 2 Pt. 2:9
- e. Be sober and remember who you are – 1 Pt. 1:13-25; 2:5, 9-10
- f. Grow and _____ your faith in every aspect of life – 1 Pt. 2:11-21; 3:1-4:19;
2 Pt. 1:3-8