

April 14, 2024 - Sunday a.m.

Starting a series on “Peter”

“Peter - Starting the Process of Purpose”

1. Am I Willing to _____ to Jesus?

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

²⁸ *Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

²⁹ *Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

³⁰ *For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”*

1 John 5:3 NLT

Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not (heavy, cruel) burdensome.

Proverbs 13:15b KJV

...the way of transgressors is hard.

John 1:29 NKJ; 35-41 NIV

²⁹ *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*

³⁵ *The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.*

³⁶ *When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”*

³⁷ *When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.*

³⁸ *Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”*

³⁹ *“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.*

⁴⁰ *Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.*

⁴¹ *The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).*

John 1:42 NIV

⁴² *And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).*

2. Am I Willing to _____ Jesus?

Matthew 4:18-20 NLT

¹⁸ One day as Jesus was walking along the shore beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew (remember, we already saw both of them meet Jesus) - fishing with a net, for they were commercial fishermen.

¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

²⁰ And they left their nets at once and went with him.

Luke 4:38-39 NKJ

³⁸ Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her.

³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

Luke 4:40-41 NKJ

⁴⁰ When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

⁴¹ And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

3. **Am I Willing to _____ to Jesus?**

“Am I willing to be stretched by Him out of my _____ zone?”

Luke 5:1-5a NLT

¹ One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.

² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing...”

Don't be guided by “feel”, but by “will”. Make godly _____ anyway!

Luke 5:4-5 NKJ

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

A. Don't limit God by settling for minimum _____!

B. Let's Believe for the full _____ of God!

Luke 5:5-7 NKJ

⁵*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

⁶*And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

⁷*So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.*

C. Always stay sensitive to God's _____

Luke 5:8 NKJ/NLT

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord"

Hebrews 4:15 NLT; 16 NKJ

¹⁵*This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.*

¹⁶*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Luke 5:10-11 NLT

¹⁰*His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"*

¹¹*And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.*

Malachi 3:7b NKJ

"...Return to Me and I will return to you."