

WELCOME!
Men's Fellowship Breakfast

October 9, 2020

Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples

#4 – Matthew 14:22–33 – Peter: You of Little Faith

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Thesis for our Semester

Jesus uses *ordinary* men to accomplish His *extraordinary* mission.

A “disciple” is called to ...

- 1) ... faith in Jesus Christ. (*Salvation*)
- 2) ... follow after Jesus Christ and obey Him. (*Sanctification*)
- 3) ... fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and tell others about Him.
(*Mission*)
- 4) ... family in Christ's Church. (*koinonia*)

If you are not yet a follower of Jesus...

What is keeping me from taking those steps of faith?

If you are a follower of Jesus...

Since the pandemic hit:

- 1. Have I grown in my gratefulness for salvation?**
- 2. Have I become more surrendered to obeying what I believe Jesus is leading me to do?**
- 3. Have I grown in my personal commitment to be used by God in His mission?**
- 4. Has my commitment to others in the body of Christ grown?**

The Big Idea

We learn from Peter's example that we grow as disciples by trying, failing, and turning to Jesus again and again.

Lesson 1

Peter and the disciples' understanding of who Jesus was and what kind of Kingdom He came to establish moved from blurry to clear the more time they spent observing and interacting with Jesus.

John 1:41

Andrew had been introduced to Jesus and then went and found his brother, Simon Peter, and told him, “We have found the Messiah.”

Exodus 3:14

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

Lesson 2

Peter and the disciples latched onto the idea that Jesus was empowering them to do the things they had seen Him do up close and personal.

Matthew 10:1

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Matthew 10:5–8

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,
⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’
⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.

Emphasis on Failures

“The climactic focus in this passage rests more with Peter’s failure than with his accomplishment.”

Lesson 3

Peter's failures led to his growth as a follower of Jesus.

John 18:10

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

John 18:26

One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”

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Small Group Discussion

1. Can you identify any fears that keep you from taking steps of faith?
2. Looking back over your life, can you identify a failure that led to your personal growth as much or more than successes did?

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