

Get Used to Different

Part Two: Peter, Get out of the boat!

Simon, also called Peter, [was] throwing a net into the water, for [he] fished for a living. (Matthew 4:18, New Living Translation 2nd Ed.)

Now when they saw... Peter [they] perceived that they were uneducated, common men. (Acts 4:13, English Standard Version)

Then a quarrel broke out among the disciples. They argued about who should be considered the greatest. (Luke 22:24, God's Word)

Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave. (John 18:10, NLT 2nd Ed.)

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. (Matthew 16:18-19, NLT 2nd Ed.)

Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. (Luke 5:3, NLT 2nd Ed.)

1. Peter gave up control

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares [for] you. (1 Peter 5:7, NLT 2nd)

This time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. (Luke 5:6-7, NLT 2nd Ed)

2. Peter gave up his secrets

He fell to his knees before Jesus and said, 'Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you.' (Luke 5:8, NLT 2nd Ed.)

For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. (Mark 4:22, NLT 2nd Ed.)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1:9, NLT 2nd Ed.)

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. (James 5:16, NLT 2nd Ed.)

3. Peter gave up his comfort and followed Jesus.

Jesus replied to Simon, 'Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!' and as soon as they landed, [Peter] left everything and followed Jesus. (Luke 5:10-11, NLT 2nd Ed.)

For God called you to do good.... He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. (1 Peter 2:21, NLT 2nd Ed.)

'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' Peter replied, 'you know I love you.'

'Then feed my lambs,'

Jesus repeated the question:

'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

'Yes, Lord,' Peter said, 'you know I love you.'

'Then take care of my sheep,'

A third time he asked him,

'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time.

He said, 'Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Then feed my sheep.' (John 21:15-17, NLT2)

God, I know the plans you have for me.

They are plans for good and not for disaster.

To give me a future and a hope.

I will be strong and courageous!

I will not turn to the right or to the left.

For you, O LORD my God, are with me wherever I go.

(adapted from Jeremiah 29:11 & Joshua 1:7-9 NLT 2nd Ed.)