

## **Week 6: Peter: The Impulsive Disciple - Guided by Faith, Repentance, Forgiveness**

- Identify key events in Peter's life that demonstrate his impulsiveness and faith.
- Understand the significance of Peter's denial and his subsequent repentance.
- Explore the concept of forgiveness as demonstrated by Jesus towards Peter.
- Apply the lessons learned from Peter's life to personal experiences.

### **Handout:**

#### **Peter's Impulsive Faith: Peaks and Valleys**

- **Key Passages:**
  - Matthew 14:22-33 (Walking on water)
  - Matthew 16:13-19 (Peter's confession)
  - Matthew 16:21-23 (Peter's rebuke)
- **Matthew 14:22-33 (Walking on water):**
  - What does this passage show about Peter's faith?
  - What does it reveal about his doubt and impulsiveness?
  - Jesus' reaction:
- **Matthew 16:13-19 (Peter's confession):**
  - What significant confession did Peter make?
  - How did Jesus respond to Peter's confession?
- **Matthew 16:21-23 (Peter's rebuke):**

- Why did Peter rebuke Jesus?
- How did Jesus respond to Peter's rebuke?
- Contradictions in Peter's behavior:
- **Key Observations:**
  - Peter's faith was often intertwined with doubt and impulsiveness.
  - Jesus acknowledged Peter's faith but also corrected his impulsive actions.
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### **Peter's Denial and Repentance: Falling and Rising**

- **Key Passages:**
  - Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 (Peter's denial)
  - John 21:15-19 (Peter's restoration)
  - **Matthew 26:69-75 (Peter's denial):**
    - Factors contributing to Peter's denial:
    - Significance of the rooster's crow:
    - Peter's reaction to his denial:
  - **John 21:15-19 (Peter's restoration):**
    - How did Jesus restore Peter?
    - Significance of Jesus asking, "Do you love me?" three times:
    - How did Jesus show forgiveness?

- **Key Takeaways:**

- Peter's denial was a significant failure, but his repentance was crucial.
- Jesus' restoration of Peter demonstrated His unconditional forgiveness.

### **Applying the Lessons: Personal Reflection**

- **Discussion Questions:**

- How can we learn from Peter's example about acknowledging our failures?
- How can we apply repentance and forgiveness in our lives?
- How does God's forgiveness empower us to move forward?
- How can we temper our impulsiveness with greater reliance on God?
- How can we be more aware of the ways that our actions may hurt God, and others?

- **Personal Reflection:**

- Reflect on a time you needed forgiveness or needed to forgive someone else.
- How can you apply Peter's example to your own life?

- **Key Verse:** 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."