

Upon this Rock week 2
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Matthew 16:18 (NLT) 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.

Who is Peter?

Was _____: Mark 1:29-31 (pg. 829)
Not highly _____: Acts 4:13 (pg. 908)
_____ and boisterous: John 13:6-10 (pg. 895)
_____ : Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 812-813)
Full of _____: Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 815)
The _____ disciple: Matthew 17:24-27 (pg. 815)

What did Jesus see in Peter?

Peter was a project that Jesus saw potential in and _____ a lot into.

Matthew 4:18-20 (NLT, pg. 801) One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.

God sees just as much potential and has invested in _____.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT, pg. 978) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Peter was a guy that could _____ people and got himself into some bad situations.

Matthew 17:26b-27a (NLT, pg. 815) ...“Well, then,” Jesus said, “the citizens are free! However, we don't want to offend them...”

Every weakness can be a _____, and every _____ can be a weakness.

Galatians 5:13 (NLT, pg. 974) For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Peter didn't change who he was to _____ his calling from God.

Acts 2:14 (NLT, pg. 906) Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.

Staying committed to the faith journey will yield _____.

Acts 2:41 (NLT, pg. 907) Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Final Thought: God made you the way you are on _____ and for a _____; following Jesus will transform you to the best version of yourself. Are you fulfilling your _____?

Upon This Rock week 2 Discussion Questions

Review all of the stories and experiences Peter had with Jesus. (Mark 1:29-31, Acts 4:13, John 13:6-10, Matthew 14:22-33, Matthew 17:1-9, Matthew 17:24-27) Which story/experience stands out to you and why?

What do you see about Peter's personality that you identify with? What do you see that is definitely not you? Is there something about your personality that frustrates you or you wish you could change? "Every weakness can be a strength, and every strength can be a weakness." How does this statement apply to you today? What is the difference between changing you and transforming you?

Read Acts 2:14-41. In this passage Peter's personality and experiences all culminate to fulfill what Jesus had predicted for Peter. What stands out to you about this situation, Peter's actions, or the points he makes?

Peter experienced a lot of things, and a lot of time between Matthew 16:18 (upon this rock) and Acts 2:41 (3,000 being saved and starting the first church). Why do you think God put Peter through this process? Do you think Peter was ever tempted to give up? How do your experiences so far on your spiritual journey compare? Explain. Are you living fully into your purpose? Why or why not?