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PETER

ALLOW ME TO REINTRODUCE MYSELF:

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

PENTACOST IS PROOF THAT YOU WILL GET WHAT HE PAID FOR!!

Today we will talk about personal transformation. When the Holy Spirit comes in you are changed from in the inside out. We get evidence of God in our life when we receive the Holy Spirit. Today we will deal with the transformation of Simon Peter.

FROM SIMON TO PETER

*Matthew 16:15-16 NIV - [15] But **what about you?**" he asked. "**Who do you say I am?**" [16] Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

- You are special in the eyes of the Lord
- Your adversary also knows you're special
- Don't focus on how others see you
- When you have a revelation of who God is, you get a revelation of who you are

Who has God revealed himself to be to you? How has this revelation changed or expanded since you first received it?

NAME CHANGE

*Matthew 16:18 NIV - [18] And I tell you that **you are Peter**, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

- What others call you is not what God calls you
- You have to get accustomed to being called who God called you to be
- Everyone has a before and after, you are not what you used to be
- God will change you from the inside out
- God builds His church with broken people
- You are already victorious

When God looks at you, what does He call you? How does this name change impact how you conduct yourself?

WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HE DID!!!

- There are 12 disciples and Peter has more direct interactions with Jesus than all the other disciples combined
- Your time with God will not be ignored or unrewarded
 - Time in prayer
 - Time in worship
 - Time in God's Word

THE PURPOSE ON YOUR LIFE GIVE YOU PROXIMITY

17 GOOD INTERACTIONS WITH PETER & JESUS:

1. Peter invited by his brother Andrew to meet Jesus (*John 1:40-42*)
2. **Leaving his nets and boat** to follow Jesus (*Luke 5:8-11*)
3. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law (*Mark 1:29-31*)
4. Finding Jesus in solitary prayer (*Mark 1:35-39*)
5. Peter there for the bleeding woman and the dead girl raised (*Mark 5:24-43*)
6. **Stepping out of the boat to walk on the water** (*Matthew 14:28-32*)
7. Asking for answers to the parables (*Matthew 15:10-20*)
8. Peter answering and getting his name changed (*Matthew 16:16-20*)
9. **Rebuking Jesus for teaching about death and resurrection** (*Mark 8:31-33*)
10. Peter and the withered fig tree (*Mark 11:20-25*)
11. **Catching a fish to pay his tax** liability (*Matthew 17:24-27*)
12. Asking about forgiveness (*Matthew 18:21-22*)
13. Lesson on preparation for future expectations (*Luke 12:41-53*)
14. Balancing extreme personal sacrifice and eternally multiplied rewards (*Matthew 19:27-30*)
15. Understanding future difficulties and final judgment (*Mark 13:3-37*)
16. Allowing Jesus to wash his feet (*John 13:6-9*)
17. Insisting to Jesus and the others that he would never deny Christ (*Matthew 26:33-35*)
 - God is building something in your life so He has to keep you close
 - God will honor your crazy prayer request
 - You don't run away from storms you chase
 - In the middle of your toughest time know it won't be like this always
 - You have too many victories to worry about you future

What are your top 3 God encounter moments? What did these God encounters teach you about yourself?

THE WARNING AT THE LAST SUPPER

*Luke 22:31-34 NIV -[31] "Simon, Simon, **Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.** [32] But **I have prayed for you,** Simon, that your faith may not fail. And **when you have turned back,** strengthen your brothers." [33] But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." [34] Jesus answered, "**I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.**"*

- Jesus is praying, interceding, and advocating for you

- You are special in the eyes of the Lord
- When you are special God is not the only one that notices
- No matter how saved you are you still have a fleshly side
- The devil has to ask permission to get to you
- Where you are going you're going to need your faith
- Your faith is your currency to a breakthrough
- Your calling is bigger than your fall
- God knows there is a Simon side on the inside of you
- Thank God for the warning/wake-up call
- God talks about your deliverance at the same time He talks about your demise

In an honest reflective moment, what warning has God given you? What has happened since the warning?

DOWNHILL AFTER THE LAST SUPPER

NOT ATTENTIVE:

Sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus was praying (Mark 14:33-41)

- Sometimes you may not be on your square
- The liar and accuser is always trying to take you out
- Failure is not final; it's a part of the process
- Some things cannot be achieved without failure
- By being too confident in your ability, you may lose sight of your Simon

REACTIVE:

Cutting off the ear of Malchus, the high priest's servant (John 18:10-12)

- When the pressure is on you reactive
- You're saved but you still have a little fight in you
- God will cover you and not expose you because He needs you
- All the evidence has been erased
- When something happens in the natural you have to fight in the spirit
- Don't react to those who don't control your outcome
- The plan for your life is bigger than your mistake

GIVING IN TO PRESSURE:

Denying Jesus three times after Jesus was arrested (Luke 22:55-62)

- LIE
- DENY
- CURSE

- Don't focus on the 3 things you did wrong, remember the 17 good interactions
- The enemy will magnify your failure and not your success
- The failures are just a chapter, they are not the whole book
- Your good outweighs your bad
- Eliminate your bad, focus on your good
- God is coming to get you out of the lie of the enemy
 - Any man be in Christ he is a new creature (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - God loads you with benefits daily (see Psalm 68:19)
 - Your labor has not been in vain (see 1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Your adversity should draw you closer to God
 - You spend invested time with God
 - You accept correction without offense
 - You possess a servant's heart
 - You begin to see results
 - You go through the fire, but you do not smell like smoke

How have your failures drawn you closer to God? How did God use them for his benefit?

JESUS REACHES FOR PETER

Mark 16:7 NIV - [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter. 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

- God is already there waiting for you
- Be not weary in well doing, it's about to be your takeoff season
- God knows everything about you and still wants you
- Don't think you are disqualified because of a mistake
- Failure is not final, it can be a place of learning
- You were already out, before you went in

When was the last time God reached for you? What happened?

HOLY GHOST ENCOUNTER

Acts 2:1-4 NIV - [1] When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

- Most of them have left because they aren't willing to wait
- There is something you need that God promised you

- You need power and authority to do what you do
- You can't live this life without the power of God
- You have to wait and do not become anxious
- The Holy Spirit is an Activator

What does an encounter with the Holy Ghost look like to you? Describe your personal encounter with the Holy Ghost.

WHO HE BECAME WHAT YOU SEE

*Acts 2:14a NIV - Then Peter **stood up** with the Eleven,*

- You can stand up in areas you used to sit in
- Who they see is not who they used to see
- You can only glorify God when you decide to stand up
- You are going to see what you say
- You look better than you ever have
- Your behavior does not disqualify you

Recall the mistakes that God forgave you for, how did his forgiveness change you? What did God's forgiveness help you become?

WHAT YOU HEAR

*Acts 2:14b NIV - **raised his voice and addressed the crowd:***

- God will put you in environments and speak through you
- You need to cry out and unapologetically speak of the goodness of God
- You have so much to be thankful for
- There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus
- God wants you by name, it's your time and season

What are you hearing God say, now that you are becoming who He called you to be? How has your conversation changed?

WHAT YOU SAW!

*Acts 2:41 NIV - **Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.***

- You're about to see amazing results
- Your assignment will be revealed to you when you stand up
- Don't disqualify what God is going to use

How has your life changed since your God encounter? How is God using you in this season?

Acts 1:8 NIV - But you will ***receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you***; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- You cannot know God and walk around without power
- God is preparing people to receive what you say
- God is going to show up in ways you have never seen before
- Holy Spirit power is available to you
- You can witness with power and authority

What have you received since you believed?

QUESTION

Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit of God and what was your experience?

DECLARATION

This is my Action season: June, July, August. By the time I get here I am going to have to reintroduce myself.

PRAYER

Father God, I thank You for everything the adversary has done to me. It helped me to become who You created me to be. I am not ashamed of my past or Your gospel. I thank You for seeing me, hearing me and reaching for me. Because of Your love for me, I am able to see myself the way that You see me. I will praise You all the days of my life. I vow to live my life that You may be glorified. I vow to tell everyone of Your goodness, faithfulness, and love toward us in Jesus' name, Amen!