

NOTES: First Peter | Week 1

April 27-28, 2025

Compelled Church, Pastor Nate Elarton

First Peter Simon Peter, Petros, and Cephas

Salvation, Sanctification, Submission, Suffering
Hope, Holiness, Harmony, Humility

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.” (1 Peter 1:1–2, NASB95)

“These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;” (Matthew 10:2, NIV)

Greek Word for “first” “Protos” – also means “most prominent, chief, foremost. “

“It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.” (Acts 12:1–5, NIV)

Be an intentional Disciple.

An Intentional disciple is an apprentice of Jesus who is growing to be more Christ-like in every way through life. Life is not something to be endured, but experiences, opportunities, and seasons to master The Way of Jesus.

“Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.” (1 Peter 2:1–3, NASB95)

Peter

- A fisher of men (Matthew 4.18-20)
- Name changed to Rock (but he wasn't that guy yet) (Matthew 16.16-18).
- Walked on the Water, (Matt. 8.14-15).
- Has his feet washed by Jesus after he resisted (John 13.1-17).
- He cuts off the ear of Malchus, the high priest's servant (John 18.1-11).
- He denies knowing Christ three times (Matthew 26.31-35).
- He see Christ's empty tomb (John 20.3-10).
- Jesus restores Peter (John 21.15-19).

“So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.” He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep. “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.” Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”” (John 21:15–19, NASB95)

We are like Peter.

1. We are called by Christ to follow him.
2. We are changed, and our lives change.
3. We make mistakes. We don't know what we don't know
4. We fail and act impulsively.
5. We deny the Lord, act like we never knew him.
6. We need restoration

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:6–7, NASB95)

Questions to Consider

1. In what ways do you relate to Peter?
2. Have you done anything for God out of great zeal, maybe not wisdom? What did you learn?
3. How have you “denied” knowing Jesus?
4. Do you live secure in who God made you, and your faith not to be a “people pleaser”?
5. Would you consider yourself courageous and bold about serving Jesus? How could you become more confident in your faith and other relationships in your life?
6. When is a time you failed the Lord, and how did you receive his restoration? Was someone helpful in that experience?

Take time to pray and ask the Lord if there is any “denial” in your life right now? Are there areas God is inviting you to let Him be part?

Listen to Pastor Nate's Podcast “Live Compelled” found on iTunes, Spotify, Podbean, and Youtube.

The next couple months he will be interviewing people and their Story.