

13 Disciples



Lessons in
following Christ

13 Disciples



Simon Peter



The Apostle Simon Peter

- A humble Fisherman in Galilee
- Andrew's brother – John 1:35-42
- Disciple of Christ, Leader of church



Mat 10:1 Jesus
summoned His twelve
disciples and gave
them authority over
unclean spirits, to cast
them out, and to heal
every disease and every
sickness.

2 Now the names of
the twelve apostles are
these: The first, Simon,
who is called Peter...

Jesus called His helpers Disciples,
which means follower.



They were also
called Apostles
and means one
who is sent.

And when it was day, He called His disciples
to Himself, and from them He chose twelve
whom He also named apostles: Luke 6:13

Four Lists of the Original Twelve Apostles

MARK	MATTHEW	LUKE	ACTS
3:16–19	10:2–4	6:14–16	1:13

FIRST GROUP OF FOUR

Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Simon Peter	Peter
James son of Zebedee	Andrew his brother	Andrew his brother	James
John brother of James	James son of Zebedee	James	John
Andrew	John his brother	John	Andrew

SECOND GROUP OF FOUR

Philip	Philip	Philip	Philip
Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
Matthew	Thomas	Matthew	Bartholomew
Thomas	Matthew the Publican	Thomas	Matthew

THIRD GROUP OF FOUR

James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus	James son of Alphaeus
Thaddeus	Thaddeus	Simon the Zealot	Simon the Zealot
Simon the Cananean	Simon the Cananean	Jude brother of James	Jude brother of James
Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	Judas Iscariot	

Peter: A Complicated Character

Most readers can relate to Peter because of his numerous successes and failures during his journey with Jesus

SUCCESSSES

Chosen as one of Jesus' apostles
Matt. 10:2

Walks to Jesus on the water
Matt. 14:29

Confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, which is the foundation of the church
Matt. 16:15-19

Witnesses the transfiguration
Matt. 17:1-8

Vows never to fall away and to die with Jesus if necessary
Matt. 26:33,35

Shares intimate moment with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
Matt. 26:36-38

Follows Jesus after his arrest while the other disciples flee
Matt. 26:58

FAILURES

Loses faith while walking on the water and almost drowns
Matt. 14:30

Rebukes Jesus when he predicts his death
Matt. 16:21-23

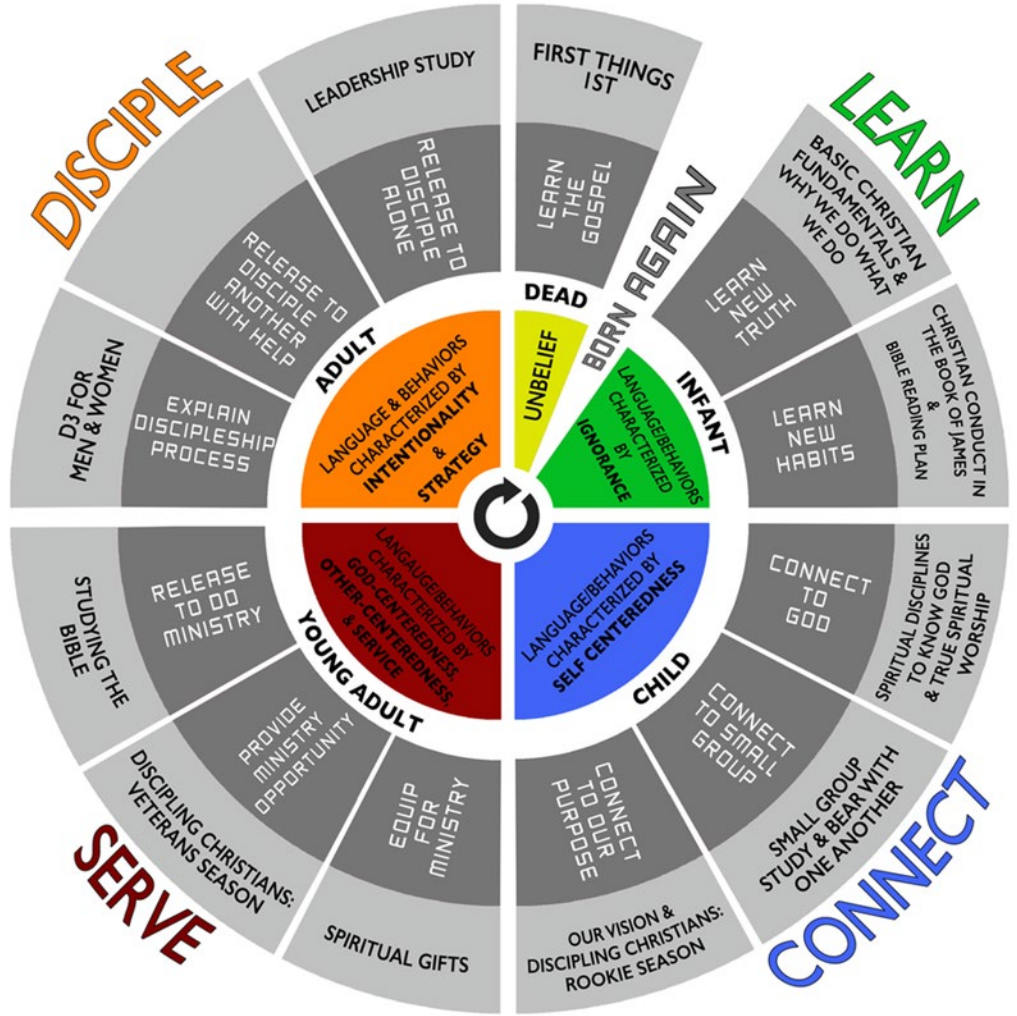
Initially refuses to let Jesus wash his feet
John 13:8

Falls asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane
Matt. 26:40-41

Tries to protect Jesus and cuts off Malchus's ear
Luke 22:50-51; John 18:10

Denies Jesus three times
Matt. 26:69-75

Doesn't immediately believe when he sees the empty tomb
Luke 24:11-12; John 20:6-7,9



What's Your Impression of Peter?

- Many, practically worship him
- Others are far too critical of him
- We all can associate with him! failures



Witnesses the risen Lord separately
Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5

Reinstated by Jesus after his denial
John 21:15-19

Gives the first sermon and 3,000 people believe
Acts 2:14-41

Heals and raises the dead
Acts 3:1-10; 5:12-16; 9:34,39-40

Proclaims Christ even after being imprisoned for preaching
Acts 4:1-11,19-20

Assists Samaritans in receiving the Holy Spirit
Acts 8:14-17

Preaches to Gentiles, and they receive the Holy Spirit
Acts 10:27-28,34-35,44

Acknowledges that both Jews and Gentiles are saved by grace
Acts 15:5-11

Writes two epistles: 1 and 2 Peter

Questions the vision of the unclean animals despite clear instructions from the Lord
Acts 10:13-14

Leads Jews astray by separating from Gentiles
Gal. 2:11-13



Begins with Conversion

- Luke 5:8 . . . He fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!"
- Simon, Cephas, Petros (Peter)





Peter

Simon, son of Jonah
Cephas (“rock” or stone)

Personality and Character

- Impulsive, yet cowardly. (Matthew 14:28-30; 26:69, 70)
- Hot tempered (John 18:10), yet tenderhearted. (Matthew 26:75)
- Insightful (Matthew 16:16), yet ignorant. (Matthew 16:21-23)
- Courageous and solid after Pentecost (Acts 5:28-30), yet was hypocritical. (Galatians 2:11-13)



Apostle St. Peter
El Greco (1610-1614)

“Follow Me”

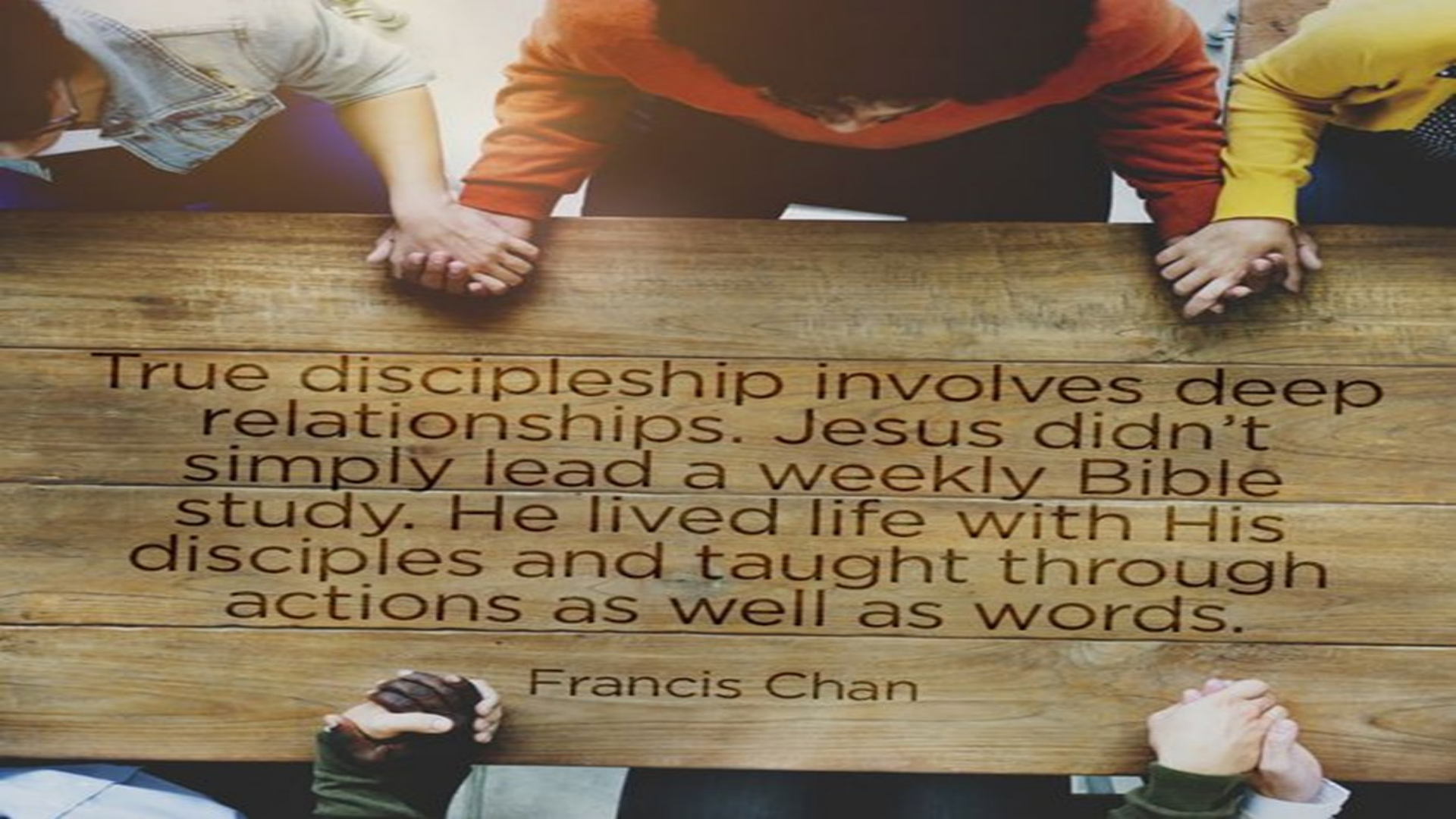
- **Matthew 4:19 . . . “Follow Me”**
- **Luke 14:27 . . . “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be my disciple.”**



Jesus didn't make
disciples this way.

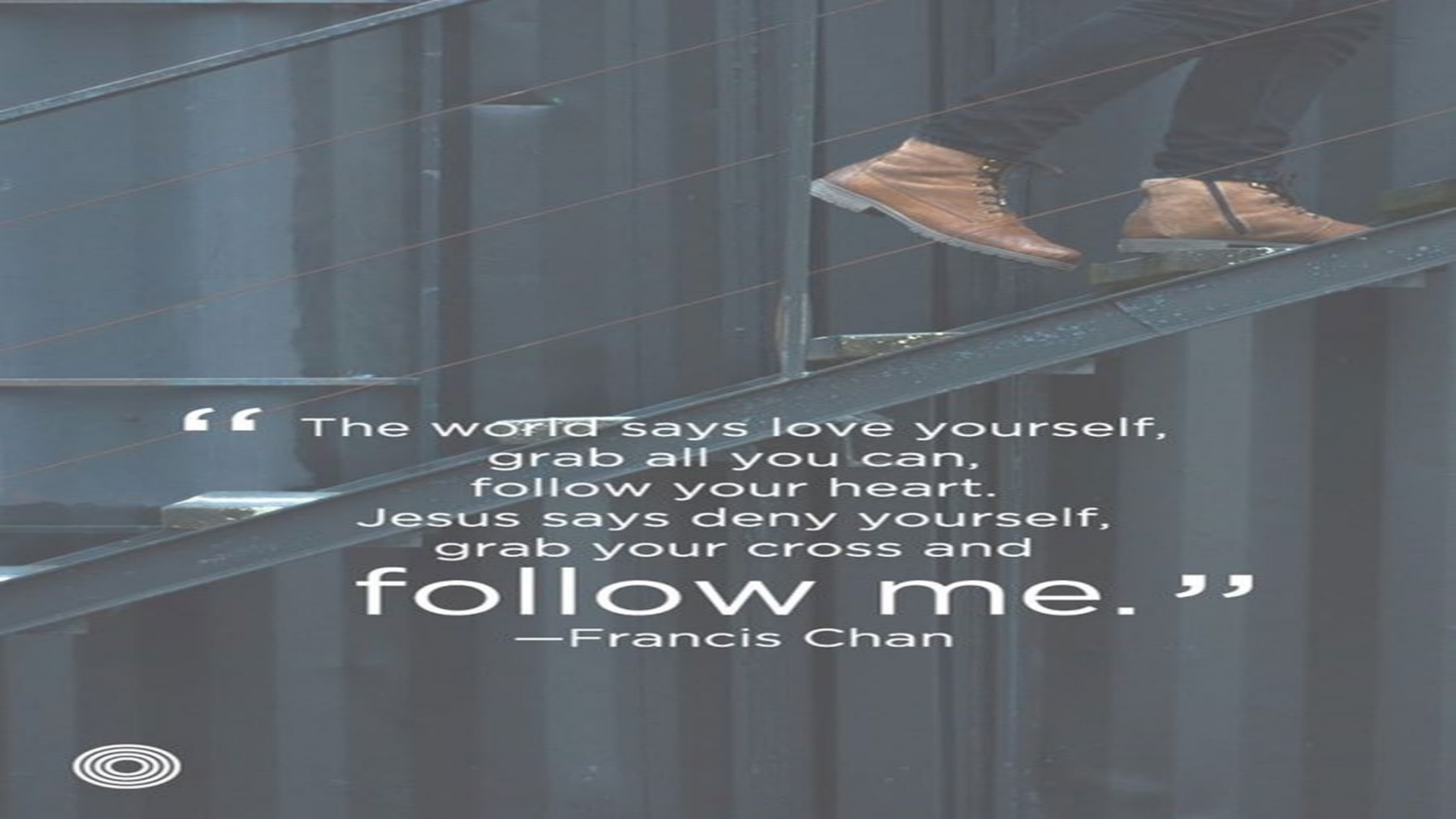
Why do we?



A photograph showing the hands of several people resting on a thick wooden plank. The hands are clasped together, suggesting a group prayer or a moment of shared reflection. The lighting is soft, and the wood grain is clearly visible. The text is overlaid on the plank in a dark, sans-serif font.

True discipleship involves deep relationships. Jesus didn't simply lead a weekly Bible study. He lived life with His disciples and taught through actions as well as words.

Francis Chan



“ The world says love yourself,
grab all you can,
follow your heart.
Jesus says deny yourself,
grab your cross and
follow me.”

—Francis Chan



He wants all or nothing.
The thought of a person
calling himself a "Christian"
without being a
devoted follower of Christ
is absurd.

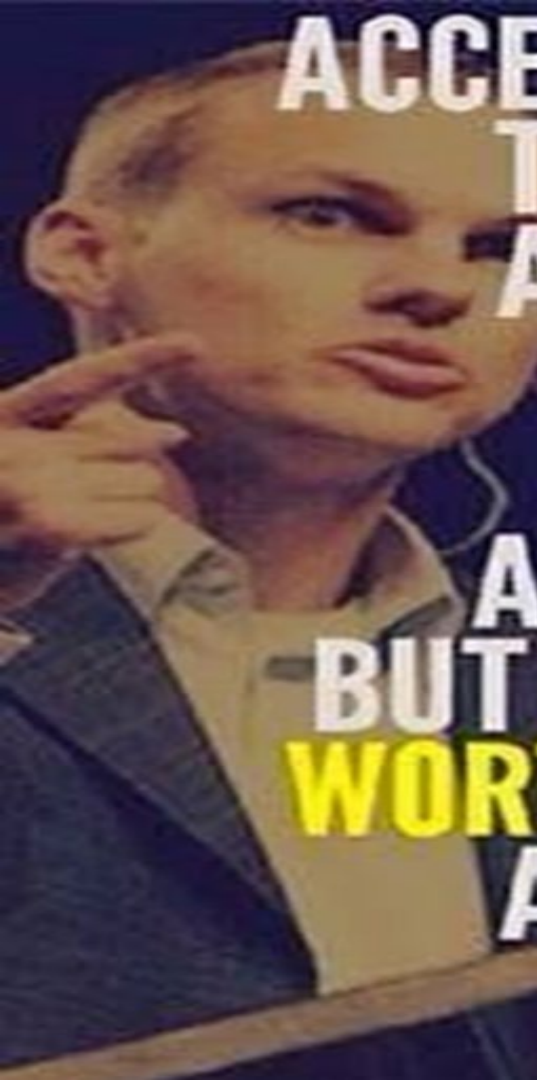
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Discipleship requires Surrender

- **Matthew 4:20 . . . Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.**
- **Fisherman to Shepherd!**
- **His will be done on earth as in Heaven!**



A man in a dark suit and light shirt is shown from the chest up, pointing his right index finger towards the text. He has a thoughtful expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

ACCEPT HIM? DO WE REALLY
THINK **JESUS** NEEDS OUR
ACCEPTANCE? DON'T **WE**
NEED HIM? **JESUS** IS **NO**
LONGER ONE TO BE
ACCEPTED **OR** INVITED IN
BUT ONE WHO IS INFINITELY
WORTHY OF OUR **IMMEDIATE**
AND **TOTAL** SURRENDER.

DAVID PLATT

**DISCIPLESHIP IS ALWAYS
AN INESCAPABLE WAR
BETWEEN THE KINGDOM
OF SELF AND THE
KINGDOM OF GOD.**

-PAUL DAVID TRIPP





Bring all you have and give it entirely unto God, and say, "There, Lord, I surrender all to you; do with me as you will; take away from me what you will; give me what you please; or withhold what you choose. I leave all in your hand; I can trust you entirely; I know you will make no mistake; I know you will not treat me harshly; I leave all to you; without word, or thought, or wish, I

surrender all.

Charles Spurgeon

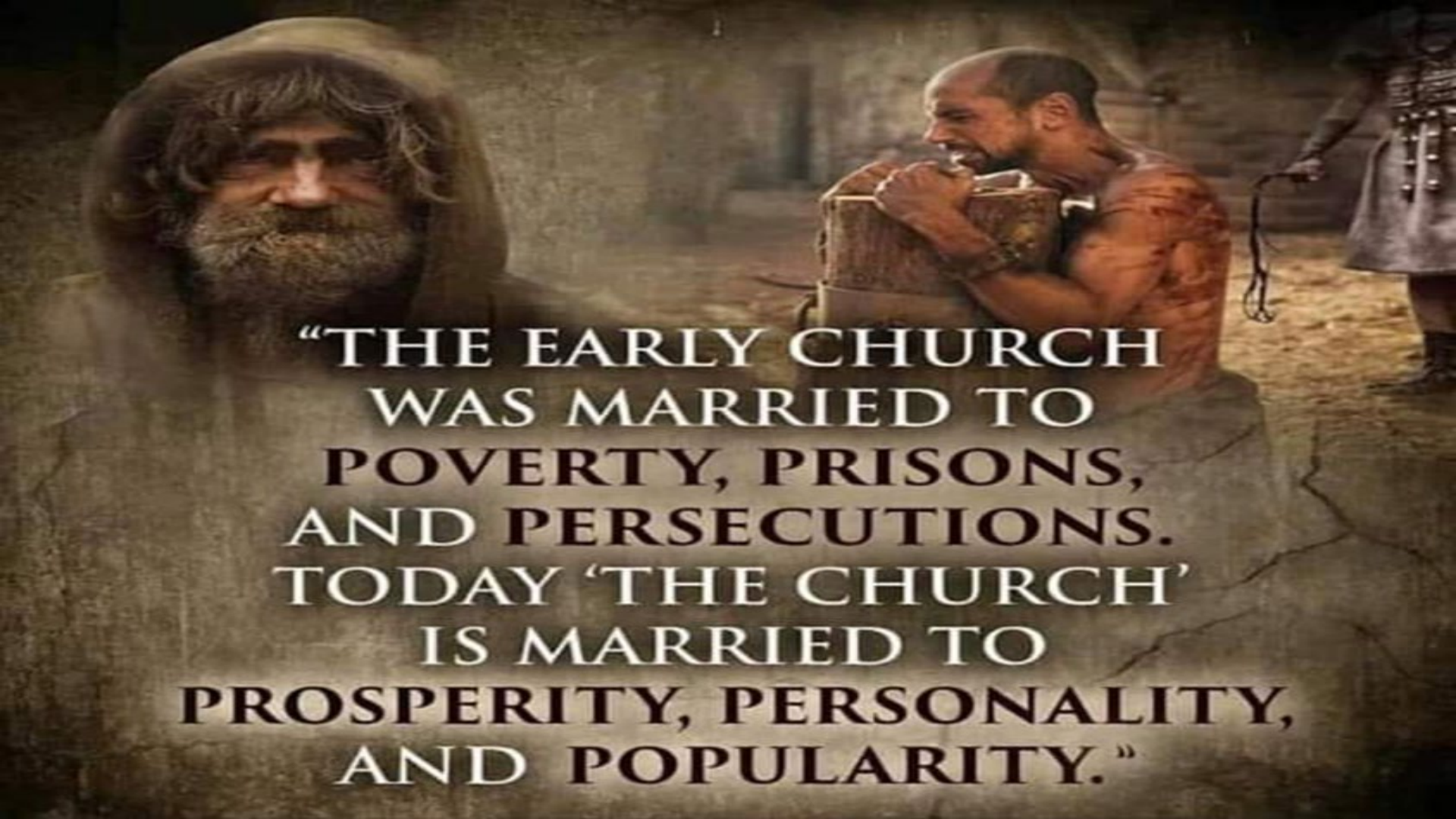


GREAT PEOPLE DON'T DO
GREAT THINGS

God DOES *great things* THROUGH
SURRENDERED PEOPLE

Jennie Allen

IF:GATHERING

The image is a composite. On the left, there is a close-up of a man with a long, grey beard and hair, wearing a brown hooded garment. On the right, a man is shown from the chest up, shirtless and muscular, sitting in a wooden cage or stocks. He is looking towards the left. The background is a dark, textured wall. Overlaid on the center of the image is a quote in white, serif, all-caps font.

**“THE EARLY CHURCH
WAS MARRIED TO
POVERTY, PRISONS,
AND PERSECUTIONS.
TODAY ‘THE CHURCH’
IS MARRIED TO
PROSPERITY, PERSONALITY,
AND POPULARITY.”**

Peter often Failed!

- Sank when walking on water! (Matt 14)
- Declared Jesus as Christ! (Matt 16) Satan!
- Denied the Lord 3x! (Matt 26)





It's a heart Issue!

- “I will never fall away!”
- “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”
- “I will lay down my life for You.”



ἀγαπάω

φιλέω

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.” (John 21:15-17, emphasis added)

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a hillside with sheep, set against a sunset sky. The shepherd is on the right, looking towards the left. Several sheep are scattered across the hillside, some grazing. The background shows rolling hills and a sky with soft, golden light and scattered clouds.

...Jesus said to Simon Peter,...Do you love Me...?

He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.

He said to him, **Feed My lambs.**

He said to him again a second time,...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,...Do you love Me? ...

And he said to Him, Lord,...You know that I love You.

Jesus said to him, **Feed My sheep.**

John 21:15-17

Peter

*The social activist
before Pentecost*

Angry

Anxious

Aggressive

*The spiritual Apostle
after Pentecost*

Thankful

Trusting

Temperate

Matt.14:30 "But seeing the wind, he became afraid,"

16:22 "And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him,"

17:4 "Lord it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here."

19:27 "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"

26:33 "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away." **Vs.74** "Then he began to curse and swear, 'I

I Pet.1:14 "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance."

2:13 "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution,"

4:12-13 "¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; ¹³ but to the degree that you share

“Net” Income!

- We need to be born again, new name!
- Surrender! Due to Allegiance & Love
- The Best of men, are men at best!



Speeches of Peter in Acts

AUDIENCES	THEMES	REFERENCE
Crowd at Pentecost	God has raised up Christ	Acts 2:14–40
Jews in the temple of Jerusalem	Prepare to receive Jesus at his return	Acts 3:12–26
Leaders of the Jews	Accept Jesus as the foundation of salvation	Acts 4:8–12
High Priest and Sanhedrin	Obey God, not man	Acts 5:29–32
Cornelius, a Gentile	God welcomes all people	Acts 10:34–43
Circumcised Jews in Jerusalem	God can cleanse all people	Acts 11:5–17
Apostles and Elders	God can cleanse all people	Acts 15:7–29

We're still following!

- **Pick up your cross, lay down your will**
- **Jesus is still moving! The Living God!**
- **Keep your eyes on Jesus!**



PETER: The Three Stages of His Life

In the Gospel of Mark we have Peter WALKING WITH JESUS.

In the Book of Acts 1-12 we have Peter WORKING FOR JESUS. In Acts we find Peter WORKING for Jesus. Peter opened the doorway to Christ for the world:

- Jews - Acts 2
- Samaritans - Acts 8
- Gentiles - Acts 10

And in 1st and 2nd Peter we have Peter WAITING FOR JESUS to the end of his life.





“This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant in My blood.”

do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



Are you a son of Jonah?

- **Matthew 16:4 - the evil want signs - Jonah**
- **Matthew 16:17 – “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona”**
- **Barjona = son of Jonah? Or John?**



No one **ever was honored** like Peter. "Thou art Peter – and upon this rock..." (Matthew 16.18)

No one **was ever rebuked** as sharply as when Jesus called Peter a tool of Satan. "Get thee behind me Satan..." (Matthew 16.23)

No one **ever claimed greater loyalty** to Christ as did Peter "though all others may – I NEVER will!" (Mark 14.31)

No one **ever denied Jesus** like Peter. Not once, not twice – but three times. "I know not the man" (Matthew 26.74)



The Gospel by Mark is the premier book of God's Word about hope - hope for a new start, hope for complete forgiveness, hope in the God of the 2nd chance. And no one knew that better than Peter.

There was a man called Peter, who knew Jesus better than any other human on earth ever did. Next to Christ no one in the New Testament is mentioned by name more than Peter!



Simon

was his name.

So, it was a strange meet-and-greet to be told by Jesus that his new name would be Peter (I'm sorry, what?), especially considering the name Peter means "rock."

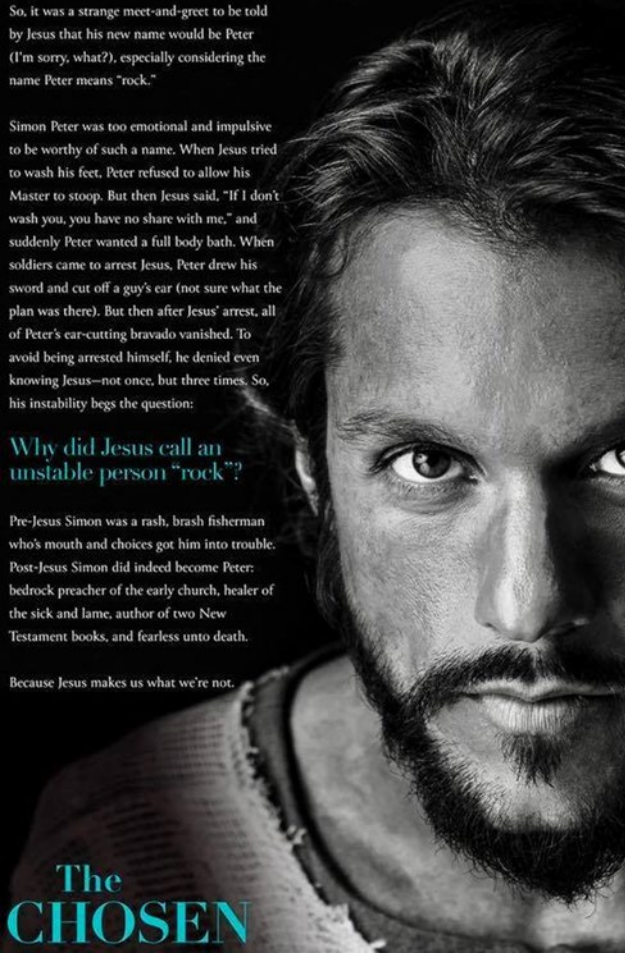
Simon Peter was too emotional and impulsive to be worthy of such a name. When Jesus tried to wash his feet, Peter refused to allow his Master to stoop. But then Jesus said, "If I don't wash you, you have no share with me," and suddenly Peter wanted a full body bath. When soldiers came to arrest Jesus, Peter drew his sword and cut off a guy's ear (not sure what the plan was there). But then after Jesus' arrest, all of Peter's ear-cutting bravado vanished. To avoid being arrested himself, he denied even knowing Jesus—not once, but three times. So, his instability begs the question:

Why did Jesus call an unstable person "rock"?

Pre-Jesus Simon was a rash, brash fisherman who's mouth and choices got him into trouble. Post-Jesus Simon did indeed become Peter: bedrock preacher of the early church, healer of the sick and lame, author of two New Testament books, and fearless unto death.

Because Jesus makes us what we're not.

The
CHOSEN



Who are the Twelve Disciples?

Their Backgrounds

- The twelve disciples were from the Galilee region except for Judas Iscariot, who was from Judea.
- Their occupations ranged from fisherman to tax collectors and revolutionaries.
- Some were married. (see Mark 1:29-31; 1 Corinthians 9:3-6)
- Some were well-versed in Scripture. (see John 1:46)

Their Purpose

- After being baptized by John the Baptist and spending 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus started teaching and many people started following him.
- After a night of prayer and meditation, Jesus chose twelve men out of all those who were following him.
- These twelve men would be Jesus' main focus of instruction.
- These disciples were selected to let the world know of God's love, that God sent Jesus to redeem the world. (see John 17:23)

Their Mission

- These are the twelve men who, for the most part, would prove to be valuable companions to Jesus.
- Their instruction and conversations would become the teachings, knowledge, and instruction for the church that would later grow and spread.
- Jesus knew their personalities, both strong and weak.
- Jesus knew that these men would disappoint him, desert him, deny him, and betray him.
- Jesus knew that these men, once filled with the Holy Spirit, would be the first witnesses of the Gospel, carrying God's message of redemption to Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.
- The twelve tribes of Israel were blessed in order to be a blessing to all nations. In a similar way, these twelve men, along with all disciples of Jesus who follow their lead, were to bless all nations. (see Galatians 3:8) Followers of Christ are commanded to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Peter

Other Names

- Simeon bar Jona (Simon, son of Jona)
- Cephas ("rock" or "a stone")
- Simon Peter
- Simon

General Information

- Son of Jona and born in Bethsaida. (John 1:42-44)
- Lived in Capernaum. (Matthew 8:5-14)
- Fisherman. (Matthew 4:18)
- Brother of Andrew. (Matthew 4:18)
- Partner with James and John. (Luke 5:10)
- Married. (Matthew 8:14)
- One of the pillars of the Jerusalem church. (Galatians 2:9)
- Boldly preached, healed, and ministered to Jews and Gentiles after Pentecost. (Acts 2-12)
- Imprisoned by Herod for preaching and rescued by an angel of the Lord. (Acts 12:3-19)
- Wrote 1 and 2 Peter.

Personality & Character

- Impulsive (Matthew 14:28), yet cowardly. (Matthew 14:30; 26:69-74)
- Hot tempered (John 18:10), yet tenderhearted. (Matthew 26:75)
- Insightful (Matthew 16:16), yet dense. (Matthew 16:21-23)
- Courageous and solid after Pentecost. (Acts 5:27-30)

Encounters with Jesus

- Was called to be a fisher of men. (Matthew 4:19) Left everything to follow Jesus. (Luke 5:11)
- One of the three disciples in the core group of disciples. (Mark 5:37; 9:2; 13:3; 14:33)
- Simon said Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God. Jesus names him Peter (rock) and said, "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:16-19)
- Was reprimanded because he refused to accept that Jesus had to die. (Matthew 16:23)
- Witnessed Jesus' Transfiguration (where Jesus' divinity was revealed). (Mark 9:2-8)
- Was sent to prepare the upper room for the Last Supper. (Luke 22:8)
- Jesus predicted that Peter would deny knowing him three times. (Luke 22:31-34)
- Was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-46)
- Jesus instructed Peter after his resurrection. (John 21:15-19)

Key Lesson

God can forgive sins and strengthen the faith of those who love him.

Stories

Papias (second-century Christian) recorded that Mark served as Peter's scribe and wrote the Gospel of Mark based on Peter's testimony. According to some stories, Peter asked to be crucified upside down. Peter may have been crucified during the reign of Nero in Rome. Symbols for Peter are sometimes keys, representing the keys to the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 16:19)



PETER



The Road of A Backslider

The Road Peter Traveled

Pride - Mark 14:29,31; Prov 16:18; 18:12; 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal 6:1

Neglect - Mark 14:37-38; John 9:4; 1 Thes. 5:6

Cowardice - Mark 14:54; 8:38; Rev 21:8

Worldliness - Mark 14:54; Prov. 6:27-29;
James 4:4

Denial - Mark 14:66-71; Mat 10:32; 2 Tim 2:12;
Titus 1:16;

Matthew 10:2-4

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James son of Zebedee

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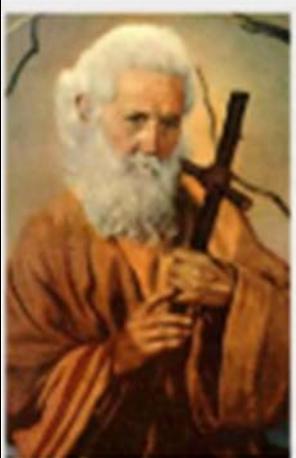
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James the son of Alphaeus



Thaddeus



Simon



Judas

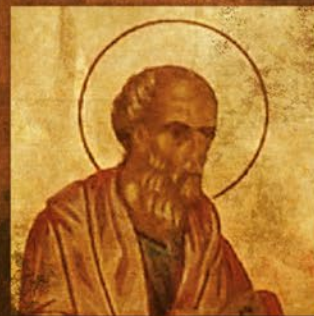
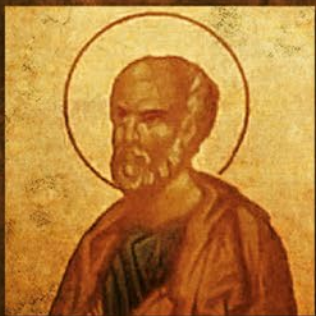


Bartholomew





THE 12TH
MAN
ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26





SYMBOLS OF THE 12 APOSTLES



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ST. MATTHEW

The moneybags refer to the occupation of St. Matthew before he was called by Christ.



ST. THOMAS

The ruler refers to the tradition that St. Thomas built a church by hand. The spear refers to his martyrdom.



ST. JUDE

St. Jude (also known as Thaddeus) sailed to many ports as he journeyed as a missionary.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW

It is said that St. Bartholomew was flayed and crucified.



ST. SIMON

St. Simon, companions with St. Jude, was a fisherman by trade, but also known as a great fisher of men.



ST. PHILIP

Jesus directed St. Philip to feed His people, represented here by two circles of bread.



ST. MATTHIAS

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. The axe refers to his martyrdom.

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The world needs to
see Christians burning,

NOT WITH SELF-RIGHTEOUS FURY AT THE
SLIDING MORALS IN OUR COUNTRY,

but with passion for God.

KEVIN DEYOUNG











SIMON/PETER - DISCIPLE/APOSTLE OF JESUS

Simon (or Simeon) was the original name of Peter, the son of Jonas (or John), and brother of Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, as Peter also may have been.



Cartoon notes:
Spiky hair, sort of "stuck" on top of his head!

Diamond shaped head.

Expressive eyes: fierce, adoring, quizzical, etc, ever-changing.

Small cheek bones.

Small ears.

Large pointed nose.

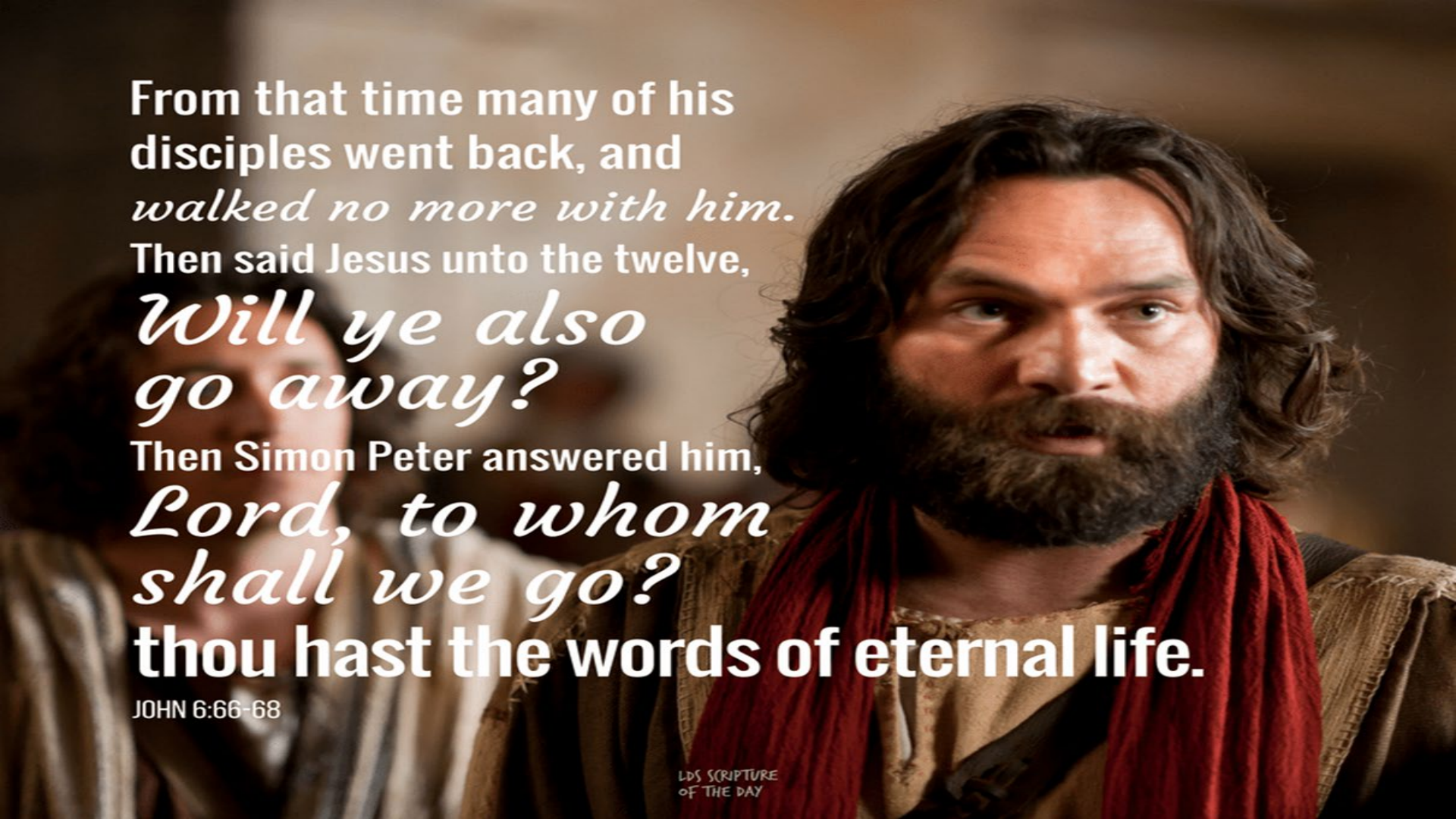
Quite full beard, dark.
Quite deep beard/chin piece.



mjyoung







From that time many of his
disciples went back, and
walked no more with him.

Then said Jesus unto the twelve,

*Will ye also
go away?*

Then Simon Peter answered him,

*Lord, to whom
shall we go?*

thou hast the words of eternal life.

JOHN 6:66-68