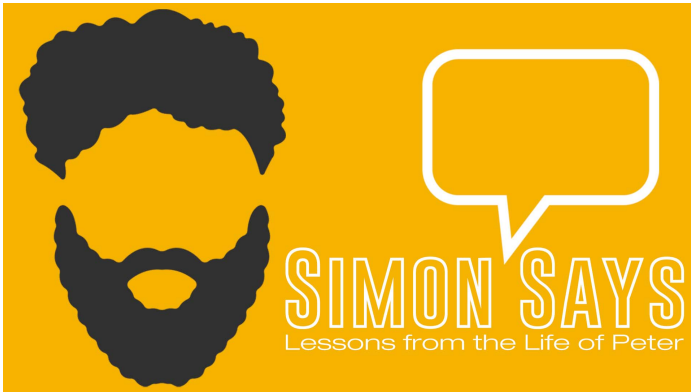


TAKE HOME SHEET



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**It would be helpful to take a few minutes to read the passages that were used in the message about Jesus, Peter, and the other disciples.**

What do I think the connection is between courage and a growing faith in Christ?

When have I taken a courageous step to trust God?

When have I not been courageous enough to trust God and have given in to fear instead?

Is there a way that I see myself reflected in Peter, through the events we looked at?

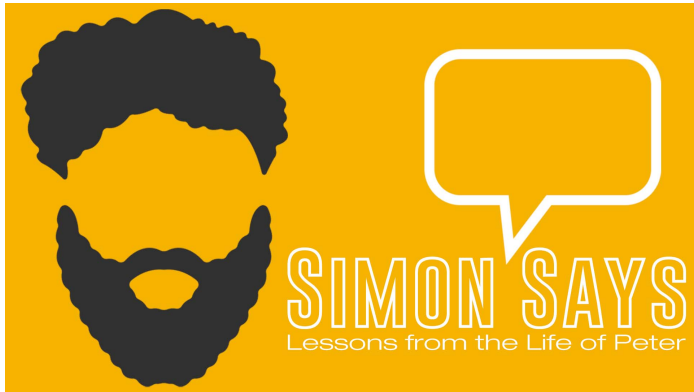
Where do I see my self-centered nature impact my relationship with God? With others?

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NIV – New International Version  
NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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1. I have an important role in developing my faith. It is active - not passive – and always requires courage and trusting God.

*But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*  
Matthew 14:27 (NIV)

2. Past experiences are good, but they are no substitute for trusting God today.

[See Matthew 14:22-37]

3. God's vision for my life is much better than what I would come up with on my own.

*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.*

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

4. My self-centered nature needs to be restrained or it will undermine what God wants to do in and through me.

*But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"*

Matthew 16:22 (NLT)

*<sup>6</sup> God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. <sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*  
James 4:6–7 (NLT)

[See Matthew 20:20-28; Mark 9:33-34]

5. When I blow it, if I admit it and repent, I will be restored.