

PETER

His Journey from a “Reed” to a “Rock”

Introduction:

Who Was Peter?

Married – homeowner – Matt. 8:114, 15

Brother to Andrew who introduces Peter to Jesus – John 1:40-42

First, “Simon” – then, Jesus promised a name change from
“Simon, *a reed*, to Cephas, *a stone*. – John 1:42

Called by Jesus to follow Him and be a fisher of men – Mark 1:17

A _____ by trade – Matt. 4:18

A _____ – John 2:11

Named one of the twelve _____ – Matt. 10:2

Naturally _____ – Matt. 14:28; John 13:9; 21:15-17

Tenderhearted and _____ – John 21:15-17; 13:9; Matt. 26:75

1. Peter the “Reed” – Full of Contradictions

- At times, _____ – Matt. 16:22; John 13:8; 18:10
At times, *fearful and* _____ – Matt. 14:30; 26:69-72
- At times, *self-*_____ – Mark 1:18
At times, *self-*_____ – Matt. 19:27
- Understanding in regard to spiritual* _____ – John 6:68
Lack of _____ *in regard to spiritual truth* –
Matt. 15:15-16
- Makes two great confessions of* _____ *in Christ* –
John 6:69; Matt. 16:16
Guilty of the most cowardly _____ *of Christ* – Mark 14:67-71

2. Peter the “Rock” – Full of the Holy Spirit Our Example for “The Christian Life on Display”

- A _____ for Christ – Acts 1:8
 - _____ before the religious council – Acts 4:19-21
 - _____ before the council – Acts 5:29, 32
 - _____ to God – Acts 5:29, 32
 - _____ to suffering – Acts 5:40, 41
 - _____ in suffering – Acts 5:40, 41
 - Steadfast in teaching and _____ Christ – Acts 5:42
 - Confirmed an _____ apostle to the circumcision –
Galatians 2:7-9
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Like Peter, our Journey with Jesus covers many a mile and takes up a great deal of our time and efforts. At first we might find ourselves like Peter – a “reed” (Simon) blown to and fro with the wind.

But, like Peter, we too need to forsake all, so that the Spirit of God can completely control our lives and use us in whatever way He desires, that we may be that “Rock” – a solid, consistent witness for Him.