

PETER: Tending the Sheep

John 21:15-19

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- Following Jesus conversation with Peter by the seashore, there is renewed conviction and loyalty to the Lord.
- Ministers often point out the failings of Peter in the Scriptures.
- I've heard people say, "I feel like I can relate to him." REALLY?
- I certainly can relate to pre- Acts 2 Peter.

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- **BUT, beginning in Acts 2, I could only wish to be compared to Peter.**
- **The writer of Acts, Luke, clearly highlights the amazing ministry of Peter in the first part of Acts before switching gears and covering the apostle Paul.**
- **Do we really appreciate the efforts of Peter and his dedication to the Lord's mandate in John 21?**

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- **Let's chronicle his importance to the church:**
 - **Acts 2- Stands with the eleven, but is the first to speak.**
 - **Acts 3-4- Is always listed first, when mentioned with other apostles.**
 - **Acts 5- Pronounces judgment on Ananias and Sapphira.**

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- **Let's chronicle his importance to the church:**
 - **Acts 8- Called to Samaria to lay hands on the new converts. Also, pronounces judgment on Simon the sorcerer.**
 - **Acts 9- On the move and ministering to all the disciples.**
 - **Went to Lydda and healed Aeneas.**

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- **Let's chronicle his importance to the church:**
 - **Acts 9- On the move and ministering to all the disciples.**
 - **Went to Joppa and raised Tabitha from the dead.**
 - **Because of this many believed in the Lord.**

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- **Let's chronicle his importance to the church:**
 - **Acts 10- Called to go to Caesarea.**
 - **Preaches to Cornelius and his household.**
 - **The Gentiles are converted**
 - **Acts 11- Goes back to Jerusalem to explain the events at Caesarea.**
 - **Acts 12- Arrested but set free by an angel.**

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- *I hope that I am like Peter in my....*
- **CONCERN FOR ALL THE SAINTS**
- **CREDIBILITY AMONG THE SAINTS.**
- **COMMITMENT TO THE SAINTS.**
- **CHARACTER TOWARDS THE SAINTS.**

Let's evaluate these things in Acts 9-10

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- *I hope that I am like Peter in my....*
- **CONCERN FOR ALL THE SAINTS**
 - Acts 9:32 says, “Peter went here and there among them ALL”
 - In other words, he was traveling all over Israel meeting with and checking on the saints.

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- *I hope that I am like Peter in my....*
- **CREDIBILITY AMONG THE SAINTS.**
 - When there was a need, the people knew who to find for help.
 - Acts 9:38- In reference to the death of Tabitha, hearing that Peter was near Joppa in Lydda, they sent for him.

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- **COMMITMENT TO THE SAINTS.**
 - We see his willingness to help.
 - Acts 9:39- So Peter rose and went.
 - Acts 10:5- The angel of God that appeared to Cornelius is telling him to get Peter. In essence, “he is my servant.”

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- *I hope that I am like Peter in my....*
- **CHARACTER AS A SAINT.**
 - He would glorify God in all his activities.- Acts 3:6, 12-13; 4:8-12
 - He would honor God over anyone or thing.- Acts 4:19-20
 - He would teach truth and stand up for right.- Acts 10-11