

LIFE OF PETER- Wuraola

Everlasting Father we thank you for today, as we want to have this bible session....Dear Lord,divinely speak to us Lord,use the teacher mighty and let your word sink deep into our heart in Jesus name

This evening we will be discussing about Unkoo Peter

Can you tell us what you know about Unkoo Peter

Our first encounter with him is Mat 4:18

When Jesus saw them at the sea Galilee and asked them to follow him, he will make them fishers of men

That was the beginning of Peter story in the bible

Peter was from Bethsiadia

He was married

Peter story is one of the greatest stories of changed life in the bible

So who can tell me the summary of what I've said so far

I've told us about our first encounter with Unkoo Peter in Matt 4:18

I've also told us a little of Peter background where's he's from and his marriage

I've also told us his story is one of the life changes story in the bible

I've told us his character

How outspoken he was, his boldness, his inquisitive to know more always asking questions

The bible also revealed to us that Peter has a special insight about the identity of Jesus and he was also the first to call him the son of the living God Mat 16:16-18

We also know Peter was recognized with Jesus

Who are we recognized with

Who are the people we move with

In Act 4 the people knew he was unlearned but they recognize him with Jesus

Peter suffered persecution, imprisonment, beating but he rejoiced at the fact that he was worthy to suffer disgrace for lords sake Act5:41

How many of us can rejoice that they imprison us For lords sake

We also saw that from been an arrogant, crocky, man of thunder he became humble, willingly, obedient servant of God even to death

Most of us we are Christians but people can't place a difference from who we we were before and who we are now

No changes in attitudes and behavior

In conclusion we saw that Peter from been a mere fisherman

Became a Fisher of Men

He won souls for Christ

ACHIEVEMENTS OF PETER- Comforter

So, let's pray

Our heavenly father, we thank you for the opportunity to learn at your feet again today. Lord we ask that you open the eyes of our understanding be enlightened in Jesus name.

So, today we'd review some of the achievements of Peter

Who can tell me one or two achievements of Peter in the Bible?

Peter was the most prominent of the Twelve Apostles, His original name was Simon, but Jesus gave him the nickname Cephas =Rock. Peter was a native of Bethsaida and the brother Andrew; he was married. He and Andrew, both fishermen, were called by Jesus to be disciples at the same time as James and John

A: He wrote a lot of the books in the new testament

A: He was an ardent preacher of Christ

Peter appears throughout the Gospels as leader and spokesman of the disciples, and Jesus most often addressed him when speaking to them.

His honored position comes out most clearly in two high points of Jesus' ministry—when Peter confessed Jesus to be the Christ and was told "Upon this rock I will build my church" ; and when he, together with James and John, was chosen to see the Transfiguration (Mat. 16.13–20) After the Last Supper he, again with James and John, witnessed Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. When Jesus was betrayed.

St. Peter was poor and unlearned fisherman, and was called by Jesus to be one of his permanent disciples. During Jesus' lifetime, St. Peter was with Jesus for several key moments

That was a very big achievement

Most of Jesus twelve disciples often remain silent in the gospel peter however was an outspoken person..

Peter travelled widely to preach the gospel

How far can you go about the Gospel?

What would people say about you when you die

Will you be known as a preacher of the gospel or as an _owanbe person_† ♀

Peter is a model for Christian to follow..

Peter did a lot of miracles

Peter is someone we should all emulate..

One thing I love about Peter was that he was humble and outspoken.

Lastly, Peter failed(he denied Jesus) but overcame through faith in Jesus Christ

So, when asked who Jesus is, what would you say??

Father we thank you for tonight. For the opportunity to fellowship with the Saints. For the opportunity to learn your word.

We ask and receive for everyone tonight insight and revelation into your word. Clarity.

We pray you help us do your wills Lord.

In Jesus name we've prayed. Amen!

MISTAKES OF PETER:

Good Evening Lovely Divas † † ♀,

Today by God's grace, we will study some weaknesses & mistakes of Apostle Peter. Some of these are well-known while a few others are not so evident. Truth though is Peter was indeed a great man of God & probably the most prominent figure in the New Testament after Jesus & Paul but even the best of us have our flaws & besetting limitations. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who is ever available to help us

A careful look at the Gospels & the earlier parts of the book of Acts of Apostles reveals the nature & character of Peter & also his marked growth & development as time passed.

Peter is certainly the most talked about disciple of Jesus—charismatic & rarely laid back; bold, fierce & strong-willed. He also later became the de facto head of the Early Church.

Here are some of the flaws we can point to from the account of him we have in the Bible:

Peter was Unstable & often gave in to Fear

In **Matthew 8:14-17,23-27**, we find Peter and the rest of the disciples full of fear because of the storm. This was of course shortly after Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. They were so confronted by the storm so much that they forgot that the miracle worker was still in the ship with them. Instead of looking up to him, they kept striving. This also applies to you and I. It gets to a point in life that when we get confronted by some situations that fear would make us forget God and all we think of is how we can handle the matter.

Now, in another sea & storm encounter, Peter was bold enough when the other disciples weren't. In this case, Jesus was walking on the sea—the rest thought it was a ghost; Peter believed at Jesus's word that it was he—Peter also walked on water. You would agree with me that this required great boldness but his *unstable nature* soon crept in—he lost his focus, got distracted & gave in to *fear*—& he began to sink.

Jesus questioned Peter and the rest "why are ye fearful, o ye of little faith"?

Peter and other disciples have seen Christ at work severally, yet they gave in for fear. Are you giving room for fear too?

The question Jesus asked is a way of saying fear should not become a driving force in our life.

In this regard dear ladies, I can boldly say *don't be like Peter!*

It is also this unstable nature of Peter that accounted for his defence of Jesus (he cut the Chief Priest's servant's ear) during his arrest one moment & then a triplicate denial of the same man [he promised to follow anywhere] few moments later. Courage metamorphosing into cowardice at the slightest twist of event—Instability at its core!

John18:13-27

Peter was _Talkative_

Our man for tonight was going by today's psychological classification sanguine by temperament—an extrovert of extroverts. As such one would expect him to be a talker. But talking should come with "sense". And sense usually is a product of reasoning & thinking. This Peter lacked most of the times he spoke specifically in the Gospels.

Theologians have established that the Gospels' recorded cases of Peter speaking is more than the remaining 11 disciples combined. And though he had some great moments, majority of what Uncle Peter said were either outrightly wrong or illogical. Imagine Oga offering to build tabernacles for Jesus, Moses & Elijah on the transfiguration mount ; imagine Jesus having to cry: "Get behind me Satan" at another point† ♂

The truth is we all have varying temperaments & dispositions to talk. Some of us are natural talkers; others are more discreet. One thing though is necessary: *Think & Reason before you open your mouth to talk.* Peter in the Gospels didn't really excel at this† ♂.

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What does it mean to be impulsive?

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Narrow-minded-Resistant-to-Change Peter

Despite Jesus having & clearly declaring a global agenda through the Great Commission, Peter at first found it rather difficult to accept the fact that the gospel was not limited to the Jews. He was resistant to championing the gentile course.

Even on the occasion when he fell into a trance & expressly heard a voice from heaven echo: "Kill, eat!". He was resistant & deep-seated in his cultural (Jewish) orientation.

Thank God he eventually listened to the Spirit.

As believers, we are meant to be flexible not necessarily in principle or in our convictions but importantly in our mode of operations. *The Spirit leads, we should humbly follow*

Act 10:1-48