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My Heart for You!

A Look at Simon Peter

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Luke 22:32-34 *But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. So when you recover, strengthen the other disciples.”*

But Peter said to him, “Lord, I’m ready to go to prison with you and to die with you.”

Jesus replied, “Peter, I can guarantee that the rooster won’t crow tonight until you say three times that you don’t know me.” (GW)

I. _____ Jesus

John 21:4-8 *Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.*

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

John 21:22 *Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.”*

II. _____ in Jesus’ name

Acts 3:1-6 *One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.*

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

Matthew 5:44 *“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...” (NKJV)*

III. _____ for Jesus

Acts 4:8-13 *Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Nehemiah 8:10b *“Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” (NKJV)*

Conclusion: Have a _____ for Jesus!

All scripture references are NIV unless otherwise noted.

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