

The Apostle Peter – Part 3  
Risk, Rebuke, and Reward

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“On this rock, I will build  
My Church”

# Risk Taker

## Leaving Everything Behind

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Peter, left his job, his home, and most likely left his wife for long periods of time. He did so without knowing exactly what he would do to support himself.

The Bible does not mention that anyone else had a wife or family to support. This was a big risk for Peter.

**Matthew 8:**

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. <sup>15</sup> He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.



# Risk Taker

## Stepping Out on the Water



Peter was the only disciple in the boat to call out to Jesus and ask him to call him out upon the water. Even though he became scared and it tested his faith, he was the only one willing to take a risk.

Being out on the sea in a huge storm would have been very frightening to most people.

### **Peter Rebuked**

**Matthew 14:**

**31** Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

# Risk Taker

## Willing to Fight



When Jesus was being arrested, Peter acting out of anger or fear, tried to defend Jesus against the mob coming after him, and cut off the ear of Malchus.

### **Peter Rebuked**

**John 18: 10-11**

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"



# Rebuked

## Peter was Rebuked More Than Any

**Matthew 16:**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”



**Mark 14:**

<sup>27</sup> “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, .....

<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice<sup>[e]</sup> you yourself will disown me three times.”

<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

# Reward

## Peter was Promised Great Things

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**Matthew 16:**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter,<sup>[b]</sup> and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades<sup>[c]</sup> will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[d]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[e]</sup> loosed in heaven.”



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**Matthew 19:**

<sup>27</sup> Peter answered Him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>[e]</sup> or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first

# Risk and Reward

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Why did Jesus promise Peter such great things when Peter made so many mistakes?

How does that make you feel about how you can do great things for God?

What kind of risks should we be willing to take in our walk of faith with God?



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