

# FAITH: F = FOLLOW

Part 1 of a 5-part series on the life of the Apostle Peter from Sunday Praise with Spooner Church of the Nazarene.



## Luke 5:1-11 CSB

As the crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear God's word, he was standing by Lake Gennesaret. 2 He saw two boats at the edge of the lake; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the land. Then he sat down and was teaching the crowds from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, **"Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch."**

5 "Master," Simon replied, "we've worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I'll let down the nets."

6 When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

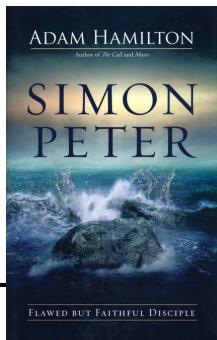
8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus's knees and said, "Go away from me, because I'm a sinful man, Lord!" 9 For he and all those with him were amazed at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners.

**"Don't be afraid,"** Jesus told Simon. **"From now on you will be catching people."** 11 Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

Christian Standard Bible (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2020), Lk 5:1-11.

## Resources

- Quality Study Bible
- Notebook
- Pocket Bible
- Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton



## History

Simon Peter is one of Jesus' first disciples and later becomes the spokesman of the Twelve. Although Jesus gives Simon the name "Peter" ("rock"; Πέτρος; Petros; in Matt 16:18; Mark 3:16; Κηφᾶς, Kēphas; in John 1:42), his ability to live up to it is often in doubt in the Gospels. Peter's rebuke of the Lord (Matt 16:22-23; Mark 8:32-33), his falling asleep in the garden (Matt 26:40; Mark 14:37), his attack on Malchus (Mark 14:47; John 18:10-11), and his denial of Jesus (Matt 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:55-61; John 18:15-27) all support this perception. However, Jesus' reinstatement of Peter in John 21:15-17 ("Do you love Me ... feed My sheep") communicates His confidence in and selection of him as the head of the early church. Luke demonstrates this in the book of Acts, which portrays Peter as a bold proclaimer of the gospel (Acts 2:14-41; 3:12-26; 4:8-21), a miracle worker (Acts 3:1-11; 9:32-35, 38-42), an authoritative figure in the early church (Acts 1:15-26; 5:3-10; 8:14-17; 15:7-11), the first missionary to the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-45), and a missionary to the Jews outside of Jerusalem (Acts 12:17). Ultimately, Peter demonstrates his total devotion as a follower of Jesus when he dies a martyr's death in Rome.

Jason Gish, "Peter the Apostle," ed. John D. Barry et al., The Lexham Bible Dictionary (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).

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Write out Luke 5:1-11 as if it's about your life and work today.

**Master**

What in my life am I allowing in my life to become the master of me other than Jesus?

**But if You say so...**

What talent is Jesus asking you to use to connect people to Him?

