

PETER
GRIT
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“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).”
(John 1:40–43, NLT)

JESUS IDENTIFIES WHAT HE WILL MAKE OF ME.

“Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).” (John 1:42, NLT)

WELCOME AND DON’T FEAR GOD’S WORK IN MY LIFE.

“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” (Luke 5:8, NLT)

“They must burn their boats and plunge into absolute insecurity in order to learn the demand and the gift of Christ”

Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

PRAY FOR YOUR SPOUSE’S SPIRITUAL MATURITY.

“After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew’s home. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them. That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people” (Mark 1:29–34, NLT)

“We each have the right to marry one of the Lord’s followers and to take her along with us, just as the other apostles and the Lord’s brothers and Peter do.”
(1 Corinthians 9:5, CEV)

IT’S THE CALL OF JESUS THAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE.

“Peter said to Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.” (Matthew 14:28–29, NASB)

“Discipleship is not an offer that man makes to Christ.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

MY CONFESSION OF CHRIST WILL DEFINE MY LIFE.

“Simon Peter said, “You’re the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”
(Matthew 16:16–19, Message)

“Having said that [Peter’s] his confession is a rock, he stated that upon this rock I will build my church. This means that [Jesus] he will build his church upon this same confession and faith.”

Theodore of Mopsuestia

“Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.” (Matthew 16:23, NLT)

“Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest’s slave.” (John 18:10, NLT)

“Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, “You’re not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.” (John 18:25, NLT)

“Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.” (John 21:7, NLT)

“A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.” (John 21:17, NLT)

MY SOURCE OF GRIT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.”
(Acts 1:8, NLT)*

“They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, ...” (Acts 4:7–8, NLT)

I cannot become who God created me without the power of God.

*“I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.”
(Romans 1:16, NLT)*

I CAN BE A LIVING STONE OR A STUMBLING BLOCK.

“You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honor. And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple.” (1 Peter 2:4–5, NLT)

“Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, “The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.” (1 Peter 2:7, NLT)

JESUS’ PRAYER MAKES US MORE THAN OVERCOMERS!

“Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers ... Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” (Luke 22:31–34, NLT)

- *“So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control.”
(1 Peter 1:13, NLT)*

- “*Stay alert!*” (1 Peter 5:8, NLT)
- “*Be on guard.*” (2 Peter 3:17–18, NLT)