

Lessons from the Life of Peter
John 6:68-69
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Peter.

Intro: 1. Peter is known for several things.
2. Today we will look at some honorable things He did and some mistakes He made and what we can learn from Him.

I. Peter before Pentecost

A. His honorable deeds

1. Peter had zeal for the Lord (**Jn 21:7**)
2. Made great confessions of faith (**Mt 16:16, Jn 6:68-69**)

B. His mistakes

1. Peter had zeal but at times weak faith (**Mt 14:28-31**)
2. He desired to protect Christ, against Christ's will (**Mt 16:22-23; Jn 18:8-10**)
3. He denied Christ 3 times following His arrest.

II. Peter after Pentecost

A. His bold & honorable deeds

1. He preached with boldness on Pentecost (**Acts 2:14; 4:13**)
2. He wrote words of encouragement to be faithful & words for husbands and wives (1 Peter).
3. He wrote concerning leadership and suffering for the cause of Christ. (1 Peter)
4. He wrote warnings against false doctrine, false teachers and about the coming of the Lord (2 Peter)

B. His mistakes

1. Peter, like all of us at times, committed sin (**Gal 2:11-14a**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. What we can learn from his good & bold deeds

1. Peter's boldness is an encouragement to us, just as it was to those during his life time. (**Acts 4:18-24a**).

B. What we can learn from his mistakes.

1. We all will make mistakes at times.
2. We all can still be great servants for God, just like Peter.

Application & Conclusion:

1. We cannot let our mistakes keep us from being great servants for God.
2. Peter made mistakes and was still an Apostle of Christ, we can make mistakes, repent of them and still be a great servant for Christ and the church.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9