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**He Saw Two Brothers ...**

**Matthew 4:18-20**

*18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.*

*19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

*20 At once they left their nets and followed him.*

The HUMAN of the Bible Reflection for the month of May is Peter, A Disciple of Jesus. He and his brother, Andrew, were doing what they do - being fishermen - when they heard someone call to them. Jesus was walking the beach and He saw two brothers. They were fishing, but He had other plans for them - He called to them, "Come, follow Me!" ...And they did.

Have you ever wondered what it was that Jesus observed when He saw two brothers? I surmise that He saw a close relationship, a work ethic, a commitment and strength, even a jovial friendship between the two. Jesus saw two brothers in a way we can imagine that He would.

However, what you and I cannot discern is one specific place Jesus could see the brothers - He could see the two brothers and their hearts. With this, Jesus not only knew the outward signs - but He was able to tell the inward purities of these humans. The particular characteristics were known only to Him - but He saw - and He called.

These two brothers became the first of Jesus's disciples. Then came the others, ten more to be exact. But these ...He saw two brothers ...and He called. What a story. Friend, I don't know about you - but I want to be a human that as Jesus is along along, there is something about me outside and inside that causes Him to see me, then call me to, "come, follow Me!"

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Jesus saw two brothers. What a gift! Two brothers ...working together, sharing together, laughing together, doing life together. Most importantly - following Jesus - together.

It is a blessing to see two brothers - to have a brother - to have a family. Jesus sees. He will meet you and yours where you are to call you, to answer you, to strengthen you, to carry you. Look to Him. Leave it. Follow Him. He will lead you in the way you need to go with Him.

He saw two brothers. He called them. My prayer for you and me, dear Reader, is for Jesus to see each of us and call us to follow Him. For He knows the particulars of our hearts just as He did the two brothers. Let it be that what He sees when He looks at us is the very thing He knows He can say, "Come, Follow Me" ...and we will! Should it be that what He sees is something else - friend, be assured of this - He sees. Jesus sees you! He wants you to seek Him and learn of Him.

May's HUMAN of the Bible - Peter, a Disciple of Jesus - also a fisherman and a brother. We will learn much from this human. I welcome you to go along with me on this journey to know Jesus more through the HUMANS of the Bible.

He saw two brothers and He sees each one of us today. May we love Him and learn of Him. May we see Him and be His disciple. May we lay it all down and say yes to follow Him.

Oh, friend, Jesus sees you and He loves you so!

**May 11, 2025**

**The Faith To Walk On Water**

Our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection for May is Peter. We will see him in these verses. Additionally, this passage of Scripture is filled with life lessons.

**Matthew 14:22-33 KJV**

*22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.*

*23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*

*24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.*

*25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*

*26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.*

*27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

*28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.*

*29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.*

*30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.*

*31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?*

*32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

*33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*

Jesus gave instructions to His disciples and they obeyed. In the midst of obedience - a storm hit. The disciples were tossed about in the middle of the storm. BUT GOD ...they see Jesus. He is performing a miracle by walking on the water toward them. In spite of His presence, the disciples still feared. Jesus revealed Himself to them, encouraged them and told them not to be afraid

Our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection for the month of May responded to Jesus. Peter declared if it truly was the Lord that He command him to come to Him - and he would do so by walking on the water, too. Jesus answered and said, "Come!" When He did, Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking on the water - for all to see. When the winds blew and Peter looked away in fear, he started to sink. Peter cried out to Jesus to save him. Suddenly, Jesus stretched forth His hand and rescued him. Jesus asked Peter why he doubted - where was his faith? They reached the ship, there was peace, and all aboard worshiped the Lord as the Son of God.

Friend, what is your story today? Has Jesus given you instructions and you obeyed - yet, in your obedience you find yourself in the midst of a storm? Know this - Jesus is walking toward you. It is He that you see. When you ask Him to call you and you walk toward Him - should you be distracted with the winds and waves of life - simply pray to Him to rescue you.

HE WILL! Jesus doesn't want you to doubt - He wants to see your faith. What is it that you need faith for this day - this week?

I tell you, dear Reader, I have seen miracles. I have witnessed answers to prayers. I have stepped out in obedience and watched the storms surround my family and me. I have prayed that Jesus would rescue me from my doubts. Friend - I can tell you that Jesus stretched forth His hand - reached out to me and met me where I was. The answer didn't always come when I wanted it to, but He has been in the midst, walking toward me and - yes - answered my prayers. I have seen miracles even after sinking in my fears.

One thing that I have learned in my journey is that ...EVEN IN THE IF's AND WHEN's ...Jesus is still with you and me!

Let us pause and worship Jesus, the Son of God. He is mighty to save and He loves us more than we can comprehend.

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Should you want to know Jesus as your personal Savior or need more information – again you can email me or see my [Information and Prayer page](#). Jesus is waiting to meet you and be Lord of your life. I am here to help you, if you need anything.

We honor Mothers this week. I pray you know how appreciated you are as a Mother.

Step out in faith this week, dear Reader, faith to walk on water. Jesus is in your midst. He will respond, He will rescue, He will reach out His hand toward you – you need only ask Him to bid you to come to Him. He is here – waiting to receive you, my friend. Give Him glory for who He is and what He has done. Oh, He is worthy of all our praise!

Have a faith-filled week. Hold tight to this promise, friend, Jesus loves you so!

5.18.25

Three Times Denial - Three Days Later, "Go and Tell ..."

Our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection for May, Peter, became a very close friend to Jesus in addition to being one of His disciples.

Peter was a part of the inner circle with Jesus. Jesus brought them together with Him to places where He greatly trusted. One of these special sites was the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus invited the core friends to go further into the garden to pray with Him. Soon He would face betrayal, accusations, and death on the Cross.

However, just days before these events would occur - Jesus had a conversation with His disciples.

Matthew 26:31-35 NIV

*31 Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:*

*"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'[a]*

*32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."*

*33 Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."*

*34 "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."*

*35 But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*

After telling the disciples they all would fall because of Him, Peter declared he would not. Jesus predicted to Peter that before the rooster crowd twice - Peter would have denied Him three times. And he did.

(Matthew 26:69-74)

It happened just as Jesus said it would. Peter was devastated. Jesus was, too. It is distressing to be betrayed by someone so close to you. It is heartbreaking especially when you know they are and will continue to do so.

Peter found himself remembering the words of Jesus and wept mournfully – painfully.

Matthew 26:75 NIV

*Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

Peter and Jesus had a relationship that went beyond discipleship. Peter was a dear friend to Jesus. The devastation and loss experienced was incomprehensible. Yet, the betrayal wound went deep in these friends. After all – they both were human. Jesus – God – yes, but He was human and He felt the abrasion of unfaithfulness from someone so valued. While Peter knew the grief of disloyalty to his close friend and Lord.

There are so many amazing things about Jesus. His love and forgiveness are greater than we can comprehend. Here we’ve seen all that He was so willing to endure for our sins – for our salvation. Yet, there are human experiences we get glimpses of in His Word. If we discern enough – allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten us – we can understand the humanness, the friendships, the heart of Jesus as He lived out His life.

Something my precious dad shared with me years ago was the insurmountable compassion of Jesus toward Peter. It was a touching lesson my dad had learned for himself and passed on to me. In Mark 16:1-6 the women that had been alongside the disciples and Jesus went to His tomb. When they arrived, the stone had been removed. They were met by a man in all white who told them that Jesus was not there – He was alive! Jesus had risen– just as He said!

He told them not to be frightened and then He said this –

“But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.”

(Mark 16:7 NIV)

Through His angel Messenger, Jesus sent word to His disciples that He was alive! He specifically instructed that the news be communicated to his defeated friend, Peter. Oh, what a Savior!

Three Times Denial. Three Days Later “Go, and Tell ...”



This message personalized to Peter breathed life into this dejected disciple. He who boldly proclaimed that he would not fall, he would not fail, he would not deny - did so and did so disastrously. Oh, there is no judgment here - for haven't we each fallen short, dear Reader?

BUT GOD! Once again, we see Jesus offer more to this human with faults. Could it be that His ability to reach out is beyond what you and I can extend ...or maybe even in some situations, are willing to? What a powerful point to ponder. Might we consider asking the Lord to search our hearts. Should we have an area where we need to give forgiveness - may we recognize it and do so. For Jesus showed us how, didn't He?

A beautiful scene of love and forgiveness. A wonderful assurance of Jesus and restoration in relationship. A special story of friendship with Jesus.

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We can be encouraged that as we enjoy a close friendship with our Lord - no matter our choices - His love and mercy are great and extended toward us. We need only receive Him and welcome Him into our hearts - our lives. Jesus is ready to not just be Savior of our souls, but the closest friend we have known, and ever will.

Three times denial ...or more? Three days later and maybe less. Jesus will say, "Go and tell ..." Jesus calls you by name, dear Reader, and wants you to know He is here and you are dear to Him.

Seek Him, friend, and let Him tell you how He loves you so!

## 5.25.25

### Upon This Rock ...

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say I am?”

Our HUMAN of the Bible Reflection – Peter, a disciple of Jesus – replied.

### Matthew 16:16 NIV

*Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

We quote or hear the Scripture, “*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*” (Matthew 16:18)

Jesus spoke this to Peter in response to Peter’s answer of who he said He was to him. Jesus knew Peter had his own revelation of Him and with that He proclaimed that truth was the “rock” He would build His church on.

You could also imagine that Peter’s personality was a part of why Jesus referenced this. Peter had a tenacity for Jesus and His Message. He had a great love for Him in friendship beyond being a disciple.

Peter was also a major inspiration in the building of the church as referenced in Acts 2:14–47. He helped share the Gospel with the Gentiles as discussed in Acts 10:1–48.

The faith that Peter had was influential and he had a powerful ministry. Though three books of the Bible share his name, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Peter wrote two of them –

I and II Peter.

Although Jesus spoke these words to Peter, ultimately JESUS alone is the rock. Jesus is the truth. Jesus is the one. Jesus is the rock of ages. Jesus is the foundation. Jesus is the way. Jesus is the rock upon which we stand.

### Matthew 21:42 ESV

*Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:*

*“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;[a] this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?*

Here, Jesus proclaimed He - Himself - to be the rock. For He would be rejected, crucified, and raised up for the sins of man - for He was, is and forever will be the cornerstone. Jesus - Savior and Lord of all.

Friend, if you need a rock to hold on to - I recommend you seek Jesus. He is all you need. You can learn more about Jesus as your personal Savior on my [Invitation and Prayer page](#).

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So, who do we say He is? With the decision to boldly declare that Jesus is the Messiah - the Son of the Living God, we can know the truth that is Jesus. We can have a perseverance for Jesus and His Word. We can experience a love for Jesus and a friendship with Him like no other. In our determination to share Jesus - we can inspire others to receive Him. We can have faith to minister to many about Jesus and bravely do what He has called us to for His glory. We make choices to follow Jesus - to seek Him, listen to Him, obey Him. Friend, we can have the opportunity to be a disciple of Jesus in our world every single day.

#### **Matthew 7:24-25 NIV**

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

*25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.*

Let us be like those with wisdom and build our lives *upon this rock* - Jesus Christ. He is the cornerstone of everything. Dear Reader, it is up to each one of us to choose Him to be our firm foundation. I pray you do.

Have a blessed day and remember - Jesus loves you so.