

The 12: Stories of Faith and Failure

Week 2 Deep Dive: "Peter—The Rock Who Sank"

Key Scriptures

- John 21:15–17 – Jesus restores Peter after his denial

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 26:69–75 – Peter's threefold denial of Jesus
- Luke 22:31–32 – Jesus foretells Peter's denial and prays for his restoration
- Acts 2:14–41 – Peter boldly preaches at Pentecost
- Jeremiah 1:5 – God calls people before they feel ready
- John 1:42 – Jesus renames Simon as Peter, "the rock"

Fill-in-the-Blank Study Section

1. Jesus renamed Simon to _____, which means 'rock'.
2. Peter denied Jesus _____ times before the rooster crowed.
3. Jesus asked Peter, 'Do you _____ me?' three times.
4. Jesus said, 'feed my _____.'
5. Grace doesn't just restore—it _____ you for purpose.
6. Jesus restores Peter by a _____ fire, the same setting as his denial.

Personal Reflection Questions

1. Why do you think Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter? What does that say about how God sees us?
2. Have you ever experienced a failure that made you feel disqualified spiritually?
3. How does Jesus' conversation with Peter in John 21 model restoration?
4. What might Jesus be asking you to do with the grace you've received?
5. Are you more focused on your past failure or your future calling?

Word Study: "Charcoal Fire"

- The Greek word 'anthrakia' (ἄνθρακία) is used only twice in the New Testament: once in John 18:18 (Peter's denial) and again in John 21:9 (Peter's restoration).
- Jesus brings Peter back to the same kind of setting to show that grace revisits the place of failure to bring healing.

Reflection: Where do you need Jesus to meet you again—not to shame you, but to restore you?

Application Challenge

Pick one:

- ☐ Rewrite Your Identity – Write a new label based on how Jesus sees you (e.g., 'forgiven,' 'called,' 'rock').
- ☐ Share Your Restoration Story – Find one person to share how Jesus met you in your failure and gave you another chance.
- ☐ Feed His Sheep – Take one step this week to serve someone in love, reflecting Jesus' commission to Peter.

Prayer

"Jesus, thank You for loving me even when I fall. I bring You my brokenness, my guilt, and my past. Thank You that Your grace doesn't just forgive me—it calls me forward. I receive Your restoration and step into what You've called me to do. Amen."