

Unusable: Peter

Sermon Outline: Sunday, August 21st, 2022

Introduction

1. Peter was **UNUSABLE** because

- A. He was a Galilean (Matthew 4:15-20)
 - 1. Jews from Galilee were seen by other Jews as backward, unsophisticated people
- B. He was a fisherman
 - 1. Jesus calling them as a rabbi deviated from cultural norm
- C. He was inconsistent
 - 1. He acknowledges Jesus as Messiah & Son of living God, but rebukes Jesus for His role as the Messiah (Matthew 16:13-24 & John 6:63, 66-69)
 - a. Peter tells Jesus that there is no one/where to go to
 - 2. He let Jesus down & betrays Him!
 - a. Peter argues against prophecy quoted by Jesus (Matthew 26:31-33)
 - b. He falls asleep on Jesus 3 times (Matthew 26:34-45)
 - Yet slices off a man's ear (John 18:10)
 - c. Denies Christ 3 times, completely dissociates himself from him. (John 18:17, 25-27)

2. **BUT** God used Peter

- A. He repented and was forgiven (John 21:15-19)
 - 1. Follow Me!
 - 2. Feed Christ's sheep
- B. He was given the Holy Spirit! (Acts 2:37-40, Acts 4:6-12)
 - 1. The Holy Spirit gave Peter the strength to share the gospel among thousands & high ranking officials when in his own ego/strength he couldn't
 - 2. Holy Spirit gives you the strength to get it right next time

Conclusion