

## Port City –Peter – ‘This Is Us’ –Aug 2018

**\*Slide** - Intro –Summer Recap –Adventure/Discipleship Camp

\*Please pray for our family. . .Alia College

\*Pray for kids entering school!!

**\* Slide** - Recap –last 6 weeks of sermons on living a Transformed Life . . .some nuggets. . .

- Obedience demands a transformed life
- A Transformed Life is an outward expression of worship
- We need to remember to go back to the basics of reading His Word –Knowledge – Understanding –Wisdom
- Obedience/Teachability are more valuable than knowledge
- Rich Guerra talked about our legacy and the value that God looks for in our availability
- Pastor Jimmy talked about the reality of the storms that we face in life, BUT Jesus’ presence is enough for us, as His presence calms storms!
- Pastor Adam again. . .God’s faithfulness to finish what He started in us. Godly transformation moves us from Self-centerdness to Other-centerdness!!
- Disruptive Compassion –we have an obligation as a community to step in to the voids around us!

### Peter –This Is Us!

**\*Slide** - Character sketch –Fisherman by trade –Wildly impulsive –Enthusiastic –Impatient – Clumsy –Passionate –Not Afraid To Ask Questions –Faithful –Leader –Uneducated –Untrained

## 4 Relatable Snapshots of Peter

### 1. Peter –Followed Closely

**\*Slide** - “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. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.” Matthew 4:18-20

**\*Slide** - “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” John 1:41-42

\*We learn early on that Peter is among the 1<sup>st</sup> disciples to be called

\*Simon means Pebble / Peter means Rock!

**\*Slide** - “After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.” Matthew 17:1-3

\*Despite Peter’s fumbles, he is among Jesus’ ‘inner circle’ (Peter, James, John) (Mt. Transfiguration)

**\*Slide** - “Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!” John 13:36-38

## 2. Peter –Faithfully Identified Jesus

**\*Slide** -“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 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. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:13-19

\*Without even knowing it, Peter receives a revelation directly from God regarding Jesus’ identity

## 3. Peter –Fearfully Failed

\*Failure is not fatal –doesn’t have to be the ‘final chapter’ in our lives!

**\*Slide** - \*Matt 14 –Peter ‘walks on water’ briefly then sinks

\*Matt 26 –Peter (disciples) sleep while Jesus prays

\*John 18 –Peter cuts off the ear of the high priest’s servant

\* Matthew 16 –Peter rebuked right after he was called ‘Rock’ . . .“Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.” Matthew 16:22-23

\*\*Peter denies Jesus – (Jesus predicted this in John 13)

**\*Slide** - “Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest’s courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. “You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?” she asked Peter. He replied, “I am not.” John 18:15-17

**\*Slide** - “Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.” John 18:25-27

\*Have you ever been in that place where you failed and you knew it? Remember how it felt?

**\*Slide- Quote on failing:** Vera Wang was a talented ice skater who didn’t make the Olympic Team. Then she went to work at Vogue and was passed over for promotion. But today? She’s a successful wedding dress designer. J.K. Rowling, a single mother barely scraping by, had her first book rejected over 40 times. Today, she is a best selling author and one of the top ten wealthiest women in England. Michael Jordan, the greatest basketball player of all time, was cut from his 9th grade team. He said, “I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

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## 4. Peter –Fiercely Spread The Gospel!

\*\*Peter personally redeemed by Jesus. . . Post Resurrection. . .

\*Peter runs to the tomb in John 20. . .

**\*Slide** - “Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.” John 21:7-8

**\*Slide** - “When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” John 21:15-17

\*\*Jesus saw Peter for who He created him to be, not by the 3x he denied Him!

\*\*Jesus’ 3x inquiry of Peter actually redeems his denial of Him

\*\*Peter fulfilled his calling with the full anointing given to him by Jesus!

**\*Slide** - “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:37-39

\*\*Thousands came to know the Lord, were healed, and were baptized in the Holy Spirit!

\*Peter’s shadow was even believed to cause miracles (Acts 5)

**\*Slide** - As you reflect on Peter’s Story, I’m curious on YOUR STORY. . .

\*What are you being defined by?

\*What baggage are you unnecessarily carrying around?

\*What is your calling?

\*Do you want to take that step towards living up to the full capacity that God has in store for you?

\*Peter had THE LIVING WORD in his presence daily to teach and rebuke him. . . What do you have?