

Peter
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I. THE FINDING OF PETER

John 1:41 & 42 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah.^[a] You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

- A. He knew his _____.
- B. He knew his _____.
- C. He _____ his name.

II. THE FAILURE OF PETER

Luke 22:31-34 31 And the Lord said,^[a] “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have

returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.” 33 But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” 34 Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

A. He trusted too much in his own _____.

Peter put down his spiritual _____!

I Cor 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

B. He was _____ by Satan.

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- First it’s important to realize that all that comes upon us is not _____ by God but is allowed by God.
- All our trials have a _____.

III. THE FORGIVENESS OF PETER

Mark 16:6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.”

Jesus found Peter and _____
him!

John 21:15-17 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of Jonah,^[a] do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah,^[b] do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of Jonah,^[c] do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

IV. CONCLUSION

What can we learn from Peter?

A. God uses _____ people.

B. God loves to _____.