

July 23, 2017

“Jesus and a Few Friends”

“Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.” John 15:15b

“Trusting a Close Friend: The Many Sides of Peter!”

“As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, ‘Master, it’s wonderful for us to be here! Let’s make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’” Luke 9:33

First Impression

Age: Around 30 Years
Occupation: Fisherman
Summary: Successful business
Culture: Lived in the village of Bethsaida, along Sea of Galilee

Family: Father, John or Jona; Brother, Andrew
Friends: James and John were partners in the business
Romance: He was married and believed to have had children
Things: Peter was an outspoken leader

Journey

Goal: Follow Jesus at all costs. Peter was crucified in Rome.
Motivation: Pure and sincerely left all to follow
Conflict: Internal struggle with himself
Awakening: Pentecost

Personality

Flaws: Spoke before thinking
Graces: Outgoing and welcoming
Skills: Fishing, speaking, dedicated, and determined

Peter = ENFP

ENFP – Enthusiastic, creative spontaneous, optimistic, supportive, playful. Value inspiration; enjoy starting new projects, see potential in others.

Myers-Briggs:

To increase energy, those who...

Turn to others are an **E** (extroversion) Turn inward are **I** (introversion)

Those who take in information in a...

Creative way are an **N** (intuition) Pragmatic way are **S** (sensing)

When making decisions, those who...

Seek harmony are an **F** (feeling) Seek objective truth are **T** (thinking)

Those who prefer to...

Get closer and act are a **J** (judging) Stay open and adapt are **P** (perceiving)

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A. Peter was greatly valued by Jesus...

1. Peter was self-revealing and transparent. He left all to follow Jesus.

“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.’ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, ‘Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!’ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.” Luke 5:8-11

2. Peter recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

“Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’” Matthew 16:16

3. Peter crossed boundaries without thinking.

“Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and...be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.” Mark 8:31-32

4. Peter said the first thing that was on his mind...seemed to have no filter.

“Then Peter called to him, ‘Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.’” Matthew 14:28

“Peter exclaimed, ‘Lord, it’s wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I’ll make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’” Matthew 17:4

“‘No,’ Peter protested, ‘you will never ever wash my feet!’ Jesus replied, ‘Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.’” John 13:8

5. Peter struggled with letting go of things.

“Then Peter came to him and asked, ‘Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?’” Matthew 18:21

6. Peter was a man of influence.

“Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

Simon Peter said, ‘I’m going fishing.’ ‘We’ll come, too,’ they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.” John 21:2-3

7. Peter was quick to respond to need.

“Then Simon Peter drew a sword and slashed off the right ear of Malchus, the high priest’s slave.” John 18:10

B. Peter’s transformation happened at Pentecost...

1. Peter was the first to respond in the Upper Room and at Pentecost. God transformed his speaking into a spiritual gift.

“During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them.” Acts 1:15

“Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, ‘Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.’” Acts 2:14

2. Peter was unashamed to publicly declare Jesus as the Messiah.

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:41

3. Peter welcomed the gentiles into the fellowship of believers.

“Then Peter replied, ‘I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.’” Acts 10:34

4. Peter was willing to follow Jesus at any cost.

“Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover.” Acts 12:4

5. Peter was still susceptible to influence.

“As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter’s hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.” Galatians 2:13

6. Peter was a man of greater influence.

“Instead, they saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews. For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles.” Galatians 2:7-8

7. Peter’s words became his asset!

“This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.” 2 Peter 1:1

C. If you were friends with Peter, what takeaway would you gain from your friendship?

1. God uses all personalities to bring glory to Him!
2. Be unashamed to publicly follow and acknowledge Christ as your Savior.
3. Opening your mouth before thinking will always get you into trouble.
4. Always be aware of your influence and its mark on others.
5. What may appear to be a negative can become a positive when it is surrendered to the Holy Spirit!
6. Learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and His promptings in your life.
7. You are never so far ahead spiritually that you are not susceptible to temptation and to sin.
8. A surrendered life to Jesus will bring far more than you could ever imagine!
9. Go fish!

ISTJ –Responsible, sincere, analytical, reserved, realistic, systematic. Hardworking and trustworthy with sound practical judgment.	ISFJ – Warm considerate, gentle, responsible, pragmatic, and thorough. Devoted caretakers who enjoy being helpful to others.
INFJ – Idealistic, organized, insightful, dependable, compassionate and gentle. Seek harmony and cooperation, enjoy intellectual stimulation.	INTJ – Innovative, independent, strategic, logical, reserved, insightful. Driven by their own original ideas to achieve improvements.
ISTP – Action-oriented, logical, analytical, spontaneous, reserved, independent. Enjoy adventure skilled at understanding how mechanical things work.	ISFP – Gentle, sensitive, nurturing, helpful, flexible, realistic. Seek to create a personal environment that is both beautiful and practical.
INFP – Sensitive, creative, idealistic, perceptive, caring, loyal. Value inner harmony and personal growth, focus on dreams and possibilities.	INTP – Intellectual, logical, precise, reserved, flexible, imaginative. Original thinkers who enjoy speculation and creative problem solving.
ESTP – Outgoing, realistic, action-oriented, curious, versatile, spontaneous. Pragmatic problem solvers and skillful negotiators.	ESFP – Playful, enthusiastic, friendly, spontaneous, tactful, flexible. Have strong common sense; enjoy helping people in tangible ways.
ENFP – Enthusiastic, creative spontaneous, optimistic, supportive, playful. Value inspiration; enjoy starting new projects, see potential in others.	ENTP – Inventive, enthusiastic, strategic, enterprising, inquisitive, versatile. Enjoy new ideas and challenges, value inspiration.
ESTJ – Efficient, outgoing, analytical, systematic, dependable, realistic. Like to run the show and get things done in an orderly fashion.	ESFJ – Friendly, outgoing, reliable, conscientious, organized, practical. Seek to be helpful and please others, enjoy being active and productive.
ENFJ – Caring, enthusiastic, idealistic, organized, diplomatic, responsible. Skilled communicators who value connection with people.	ENTJ – Strategic, logical, efficient, outgoing, ambitious, independent. Effective organizers of people and long-range planners.

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