

September 24 | Sunday

Peter: Preaching and Persecution

Read [Acts 2:14, 36-41](#)



25 | Mon – Available | Read [Acts 3:1-16](#)

After the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost, Peter and John were on their way to church and a man asked for them for money. He received so much more! This miracle gave Peter a chance to broadcast the good news of how Jesus changes everything. As you walk through this week, don't miss someone God may put in your path who needs healing. It was not Peter's power that healed this man but it was Peter's willingness to speak that changed a life. Are you willing to let God use you?

26 | Tue – Dramatic change | Read [Acts 4:1-14 and 12:1-17](#)

Peter continued to preach and do miracles in Jesus' name. The men responsible for Jesus' death were ordering Peter to stop preaching. When this failed, they imprisoned him. Peter had seen the resurrected Jesus and was a changed man. His cowardice had been replaced with confident boldness and even prison held no fear over him. Only an encounter with Jesus can change us. What do you need to bring to Jesus for his life-changing power?

27 | Wed – Who me? | Read [Acts 10:1-29](#)

Peter was a devout Jew, following the laws and commandments passed down to him. He had seen Jesus minister to outsiders, Samaritans and Romans, but Peter was still reluctant to mix with those who were Gentiles. God used a supernatural vision and then a personal invitation from a god-fearing Roman to break down the walls Peter had grown up with. Are there some walls of judgement toward others that you want to ask God to reveal and tear down?

28 | Thu – You mean God doesn't follow my plan? | Read [Acts 10:34-48](#)

A note of surprise runs through this story, but it is not from the Romans. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the Holy Spirit was also being poured out "even among the Gentiles." Is there some aspect of God's kingdom, big or small, that has surprised you and challenged your perceptions of how God is at work in those around you?

29 | Fri – Blindspot | Read [Galatians 2:2-16](#)

Peter never became a perfect leader. He was still susceptible to peer pressure. On more than one occasion, Paul challenged Peter about being unduly influenced by the people he was with. Have you found that to be a problem in your life, acting one way with one group of friends and then acting very differently in another group? Everyone has blind spots. Ask God to give you a friend who will be honest enough to confront you when necessary and also for the grace to hear what God might be saying to you through them.

30 | Sat – Doing a 180 | Read [Acts 15:1-2, 5-11](#)

This is Peter's last appearance in the historical book of Acts. Although a Jew, he was so convinced by the Holy Spirit doing among the Gentiles, that his strong words changed history. For the first time, non-Jews were welcomed by grace and were not required to follow the Jewish laws. His defense is the reason you (if you are a non-Jew) are a part of the Church today. Peter willingly died a martyr's death because he would not give up on the One who had saved him. What about you?