



Sermon Outline
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Peter
The Man
John 1:35-42

God's plan to carry out His purposes is through His _____.

*** None of Jesus' apostles were religious elites, political leaders, or cultural influencers. They were, by most measures, unexpected choices:**

1. _____ - Hard-working, rough around the edges, uneducated by rabbinic standards. - **Peter, Andrew, James, John**

2. A _____ - Viewed as a traitor and social outcast—despised by fellow Jews. - **Matthew**

3. A _____ - A political radical who likely hated Roman rule—and people like Matthew. - **Simon the Zealot**

4. Ordinary, _____ Men - So obscure that Scripture tells us almost nothing about them. - **Thaddeus, Bartholomew, James son of Alphaeus**

5. A _____ - Honest about his doubts and unwilling to pretend faith. - **Thomas**

6. A _____ - Chosen despite knowing his future failure, showing Jesus' commitment to free will and redemptive purpose. - **Judas Iscariot**

** None were highly educated. None had formal authority. None appeared "qualified" by the standards of their day.*

*** Peter's life is proof that Jesus doesn't necessarily call the qualified. Sometimes He _____ the called.**

Peter got some things right but _____ of things wrong.

1. He acted brave but was quickly _____.

Matthew 14:28-30 - "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

2. He overestimated his _____.

Matthew 18:21-22 - Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

3. He thought he could overrule _____.

Matthew 16:22-23a - 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!"

4. He didn't want to accept Jesus' style of leadership.

John 13:8a - "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

5. His spirit might have been willing but his _____ was weak.

Mark 14:37 - Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"

6. His past could still _____ his present.

Galatians 2:11 - When Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.

*** As this New Year begins, what's in your emotional carry-on that needs to be _____?**