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Today's Message: Transformative Learning in the Life of Peter

Today's Text: 1 Peter 1:1-2

A disciple is a forgiven sinner who is CONSTANTLY LEARNING Jesus in REPENTANCE and FAITH.

Transformative learning is often humbling, painful, and disconcerting but always leads to human flourishing.

Crisis Events in Peter's Life

1) Luke 5:4-8

“And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ 5 And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’

Is Christ the all knowing Lord or am I to determine my way/life?

Proverbs 8:5-6

“O simple ones, learn prudence; O fools, learn sense. 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right...”

Proverbs 8:10-11

“Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, 11 for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.”

2) Matthew 14:25-32

Is my reference point the reality of Christ or is my focus on the “strong winds” of circumstances?

I Peter 4:4

With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you

I Peter 4:12-14

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.”

3) Luke 22:60-62

Am I going to walk in repentance or willful stubbornness?
Is Christ able and willing to forgive and restore me?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Why is learning from Christ painful (at times) and beneficial (all the time)?
- 2) If Christ is the good shepherd who loves eternally, and he is all wise... what should my response be?
- 3) Why is it good to sometimes “weep bitterly” in repenting? (Are you “groaning” - Rom 8: 23, 26)
- 4) Why did Peter spontaneously jump out of the boat ? (John 21:7)
- 5) To what does “sprinkling by His blood” refer?

“What though the **vile accuser** roar, of ills that I have done!
I know them well, and thousands more: Jehovah findeth none.”

Hymn: What Though the Accuser Roar!