

Giving Up On Lent
Week 3 – Second Chances – Peter’s Story
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You're the Christ, the Son of the living God. -Matthew 16:15

Blessed are you, Simon son of John. -Matthew 16:16

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. -Matthew 16:17-19).

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. -John 13:34-35

Lord, where are you going? -John 13:36

Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later. - John 13:36

Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you. -John 13:37

Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times. -John 13:38

Simon, son of John, do you love me? -John 21:15

I was once mine. From this point forward, I am Yours.

Make clear my purposes in life.

Place me among my loved ones and expand my heart to love all.

Help me to think the things You want me to think,

say the things You want me to say,

and do the things You want me to do,

even if it means I am belittled, ignored, or criticized.

Give me people to encourage, serve, and love.

Give me times of peace and rest so I can love and be loved by You.

Let me be a light to a dark world so people can see You working in me.

Make me humble and remind me that everything I have is because of You.

Thank You for times of happiness and prosperity; they are a gift.

Thank You for Your presence and promise in days of sadness and hardship.

I emerge stronger and wiser.

Let me discover, embrace, and fulfill Your will for my life.

With joy and in fullness, I give my possessions, my time, and my energy to You and to Your purposes.

Almighty, holy, and blessed God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are my true love and I am Yours.

And so it is. Let the covenant I am making here on earth be acceptable and pleasing to You.

Amen.

1. Encourage

I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. -1 Peter 5:12

Keep encouraging because the words you are speaking might be the only source of strength for somebody who is trying to get up after being knocked down.

Be an encourager. The world already has enough critics

2. Care

Above all, love each other deeply. -1 Peter 4:8

To make a difference in somebody's life, you don't have to be brilliant, funny, beautiful, rich, educated, or respected. You just have to show up and care.

3. Give

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. - Acts 2:45

Generosity is the outward expression of an attitude called compassion.

4. Pray

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. -Acts 10:9

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. -1 Peter 5:7