



Reaching the World For Christ

Famous Last Words Peter's Last Letter: Part 2

2 Peter 1:1

John 1:40-42 *One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*

1. Who is Simon?

Simon represented the old man.

2. Who is Peter?

Peter represents the new man.

3. Who is Simon Peter?

He is every true believer.

4. How is Simon Peter a picture of every true believer?

1. True believers are in the battle.
2. True believers are in the battle until the end.
3. True believers are on the front lines.

Rom 8:5-8 *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death,*

but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

5. How do we fight this battle and win?

Empty Yourself

I. Empty Yourself Spiritually

1 John 1:9-10 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Ps 139:23-24 *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

James 5:16 *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.*

II. Empty Yourself Personally

Gal 5:24 *And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

1 Peter 2:24 *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed*

Rom 8:13 *if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Col 3:5 *Put to death therefore what is earthly in you*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

Luke 9:23-24 *And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.*

Eph 4:22 *put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires*

III. Empty Yourself Relationally

Isa 58:10 *if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.*

Phil 2:5-8 *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

IV. Empty Yourself Missionally

Psalm 96

1. The Message of Missions

2. The Purpose of Missions

3. The End of Missions

Conclusion:

1 Cor 9:24-27 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.*

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