YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u> - John 1:35-42 - Peter introduced to Jesus

A. Jesus renames Simon son of Jonah

- 1. <u>Simon</u> (Hebrew origin) To hear; to listen, that obeys
- 2. Cephas (Aramaic origin) Rock or stone
- 3. **<u>Shall be called</u>** *kaleo* To ask a person to accept offered hospitality; to invite.
 - a) **<u>Rom 4:17-19</u>** God calls those things which do not exist as though they did

II. JOURNEY - Luke 5:1-11 - Peter Becomes a Follower of Jesus

- A. <u>V4-5</u> Logic vs. Word
 - 1. <u>Launch</u> *epanago* To leave the shore for a point out in the direction of open water
 - a) **<u>Rom 10:17</u>** 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

B. <u>V6</u> - "When they had done this"

- 1. James 2:26 26...so faith without works is dead also.
- 2. <u>**2** Cor 5:7</u> 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
- C. <u>V8</u> Peter gets awareness
 - 1. **<u>Depart</u>** *exerchomai* Go from here, go or come out of.

D. V10-11 - Peter Leaves Past behind

- 1. <u>Catch</u> *zogreo* To take alive; make a prisoner of war
- 2. **<u>Forsook</u>** *aphiemi* To move away from; cease, stop, leave something behind.
- 3. **Followed** *akoloutheo* To follow or accompany someone who takes the lead in determining direction and route of movement

E. Peter's JOURNEY with Jesus - Ups and downs

- 1. Ups:
 - a) Walks on water Matt 14:28-29
 - b) You are the Christ Matt 16:15-19
 - c) Inner circle with James and John VIP access
 - (1) Raises the little girl from the dead Luke 8:49-54
 - (2) Mount of transfiguration Matt 17:1-8
 - (3) Garden of Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42
- 2. **Downs:**
 - a) Gets referred to as Satan Matt 16:22-23
 - b) Cuts off an ear Luke 22:49-51

c) Peter Bails on Jesus - Matt 26:31-35; 69-75

III. <u>ENDING</u> - Peter becomes the rock

- A. Luke 22:31-34 Jesus prays for Peter
 - 1. **<u>Fail</u>** *ekleipo* To omit, cease, die out, come to an end
 - 2. <u>**Return**</u> *epistrepho* To revert, change direction of your life towards God.
 - 3. <u>Strengthen</u> *sterizo* To decide firmly make a decision with finality; resolve, to cause someone to become stronger, more firm and unchanging in attitude or belief
 - 4. **<u>Rom 8:34</u>** Jesus is praying for us!
- B. John 21:15-19 Do you love me?
 - 1. <u>V19</u> Follow Me Brings him around full circle
- IV. **<u>SUMMARY</u>**: What's your story? Where are you on your journey?
 - A. Are you on an up?
 - B. Are you on a down?
 - C. Have you bailed on Jesus? Bailed on your gifts and assignments?
 - D. Will you return and help others?