YOUR STORY: MORE THAN A POST

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I. INTRODUCTION - John 1:35-42 - Peter introduced to Jesus
   A. Jesus renames Simon son of Jonah
      1. **Simon** (Hebrew origin) - To hear; to listen, that obeys
      2. **Cephas** (Aramaic origin) - Rock or stone
      3. **Shall be called** - kaleo - To ask a person to accept offered hospitality; to invite.
         a) **Rom 4:17-19** - 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. **V4-5** - Logic vs. Word
      1. **Launch** - epanago - To leave the shore for a point out in the direction of open water
         a) **Rom 10:17** 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
   B. **V6** - “When they had done this”
      1. **James 2:26** 26…so faith without works is dead also.
      2. **2 Cor 5:7** 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
   C. **V8** - Peter gets awareness
      1. **Depart** - exerchomai - Go from here, go or come out of.
   D. **V10-11** - Peter Leaves Past behind
      1. **Catch** - zogreo - To take alive; make a prisoner of war
      2. **Forsook** - 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
III. ENDING - Peter becomes the rock

A. Luke 22:31-34 - Jesus prays for Peter
   1. Fail - ekleipo - To omit, cease, die out, come to an end
   2. Return - epistrepho - To revert, change direction of your life towards God.
   3. Strengthen - 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. Rom 8:34 - Jesus is praying for us!

B. John 21:15-19 - Do you love me?
   1. V19 - Follow Me - Brings him around full circle

IV. SUMMARY: 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?