

4- The Chosen Episode Four:

The Rock on Which it is Built

Quick Summary:

The last of the original episodes. During this hour we see Jesus teach about what it means to be fishers of men- and trust that God will take care of us. I personally loved this episode for multiple reasons. It showed a woman being the spiritual leader of her household. "Where is your faith?" Simon's wife asked him. He did not even realize how bitter and jaded he had become. This happens so easily and is such a relevant message for today. It also showed Jesus doing a miracle and relaxing on the beach.

Read for Bible Study:

John 1:19-28 (John the Baptist is questioned by Pharisees),

John 21 (Miraculous Catch),

Luke 5:1-11 (Jesus calls the fisherman)

The Chosen Discussion Questions:

1. What area of your life do you find most difficult to relinquish control of (relationships, job, future plans)? What does James 4:13-15 recommend instead?
2. Judah's foolish king wanted to maintain his sense of control, but God was already (and still is) in control of everything and everyone. Which begs the question, what do you think would've happened to Syria and Israel's conspiracy against Judah if King Ahaz had turned back to the one true King?
3. In Isaiah 43:5, God said "Fear not, for I am with you" – which makes sense, for all the reasons we've been studying (God is our rescuer, our provider, our keeper). But in Isaiah 8:11-13 who did God tell Isaiah we should fear?
4. Read Deuteronomy 10:20-11:7. In your own words, explain the reasons Moses gave for why Israel should serve God with reverence and fear.

5. What's your come to Jesus story? (Side note: Every stage is a process, so don't feel bad if your story is still unfolding.) I was... But God... And now...

6. Read Luke 5:11-11. The moment Simon realized he was completely unworthy to be in Jesus' presence was also the moment he left everything behind to follow Jesus and remain in his presence. Explain the correlation.

7. Following Jesus means surrendering to Him. What do the words surrender and (even more controversial) submission mean to you?

8. Explain in your own words why salvation through faith in Jesus is free but following Him costs us everything.

9. Read Matthew 7:21-23 in which Jesus clearly stated that not all people who claim to know Him actually do. What is the evidence of a true follower? (Hint: reread the second half of verse 21.)

10. What area of your life do you need to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?

PRAYER FOCUS

If you've never surrendered to Jesus as Lord, **change** that today; you can even **say** the words that Simon said. If you're already a follower of Jesus, **thank** Him once again for dying for your sins, for raising you up from the waters of baptism to new life in Him, and for patiently and faithfully leading you. **Ask** Him to give you specific direction for the decisions you have to make and for the way you need to go. **Pray** for humility and **resolve** to keep following Him.