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The Twelve

Peter: “What Does Real Faith Look Like?”

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| Phony Faith | Real Faith |
| * Not Approachable
 | * Friendly
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| * Plastic
 | * Messy
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| * Tiring
 | * Energizing
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| * Condemning & Judgmental
 | * Compassionate & Understanding
 |
| * Serious
 | * Fun
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| * Prideful
 | * Humble
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1. Surprising Examples of Real Faith Stuff from the Life of Peter

### Real Faith Means:

1. You feel like you’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.’” Luke 5:8 (NLT)

1. When you finally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you immediately follow it with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“‘Yes, come,’ Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. ‘Save me, Lord!’ he shouted.” Matthew 14:29-30 (NLT)

1. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 “Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ “Matthew 16:16 (NLT)

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.” Acts 2:41 (NLT)

1. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but God gives you an eyeroll…or calls you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

“But Peter took Him aside and began to reprimand Him for saying such things. ‘Heaven forbid, Lord, ‘he said. ‘This will never happen to You!’ Jesus turned to Peter and said, ‘Get away from Me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to Me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.’” Matthew 16:22-23 (NLT)

1. You struggle with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Then Peter came to Him and asked, ‘Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?’ ‘No, not seven times,’ Jesus replied, ‘but seventy times seven!’” Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

1. Sometimes you \_\_\_\_\_ in ways you never thought possible.

“Peter declared, ‘Even if everyone else deserts You [Jesus], I will never desert You.’” Matthew 26:33 (NLT)

“At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: ‘Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know Me.’” Luke 22:61 (NLT)

1. Sometimes God does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through you.

“But Peter said, ‘I don’t have any silver or gold for You. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!’ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.” Acts 3:6-7 (NLT)

1. Sometimes you care too much about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_about you…and it gets you in trouble.

“Then Peter replied, ‘I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism.’” Acts 10:34 (NLT)

“When he [Peter] first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn’t eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision.” Galatians 2:12 (NLT)

1. You mess up but you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.

“A third time He asked him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love Me?’ Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, ‘Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Then feed my sheep.’”
John 21:17 (NLT)

**Action Steps When We Sin**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

* Humble ourselves.
* Repent (change directions). Stop disobeying.
* Receive forgiveness and start moving in the right direction.
* Make changes to avoid temptation and sin in the future.

Lesson from Peter:
Keep following Jesus!