Peter's Confession

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INTRODUCTION

- But it was so easy to be enticed into the initial part of that contract without recognizing the ramifications, the commitment that you were making.
- If you've done those things that God requires for you to be his child, to be a Christian, then you made a commitment.
- Confession is simply the idea of owning up to something openly, verbally, and through our actions, admitting something.

1 Peter's Confession Was Right

Matthew 16:16; John 14:6; John 8:32

- As a child of God, as one who has made that confession, I must not back away from the absolute fact that there is absolute truth.
- In this arena, there is no relative truth. There is no your truth and my truth.
- I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- Peter's confession was right. And so that teaches me that there is an objective and absolute truth. And that can be found in the Word of God.

2 It Was Radical

Matthew 16:22–24

- It would have been maybe difficult to see this man, the son of Joseph and Mary, the carpenter, and point to that human being and say, He is God.
- It was radical and should be radical for us because it demands a full commitment.
- If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- You take up your cross and follow me. That's what this confession demands. And that's radical.
- I'm signing a contract that says he's my Lord. And I'll submit to him.

3 It Was Revealed

Matthew 16:17; Acts 4:13

- Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.
- Peter didn't learn this in seminary. He didn't learn this at the major university. He learned this from God.
- Where are you getting the truth? It better be from the Word of God.
- There's no substitute for just studying the word.

- God spoke to me in his revealed will.

4 It's Reinforced

Matthew 17:1–5

- It was reinforced in the very next chapter, which is the chapter of Matthew's account of the transfiguration.
- This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye.
- Not the first time he tells who Jesus is, and not the only way he tells who Jesus is, but he answers again in the transfiguration.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Have you made that confession? Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God? Now, before you answer, have you read the fine print?**

MY NOTES