

A script from



“The Simon Peter Chronicles: An Ordinary Man”

Part 3 in "The Simon Peter Chronicles"

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- What** In a sin-twisted world, Simon Peter learns that Jesus (“the second Adam”) is the only truly normal human being. As a result, his commitment to follow Jesus deepens. Has ours? **Themes:** Drama, Monologue, Easter, Lent, Simon, Peter, Jesus, Healing, Possession, Exorcism, Discipleship, Following Christ, Faith, Gospel
- Who** Simon (later known as Peter)
- When** Jesus heals a demoniac, and later Simon Peter’s Mother-in-law
- Wear (Props)** Biblical garment
Scroll
Pen - plant reed or rustic looking metal rod (not a quill)
Inkpot - small pottery cup
Table
- Why** Luke 4:33-39; 1 Corinthians 15:45
- How** When Simon Peter speaks, this is a dramatization of what is, in reality, going on inside his head, an *inner monologue*. The audience is his alter ego, his listening self. The tone is earnest and confessional.
- Note:** The actual names of Peter’s wife and mother-in-law are unknown. For this monologue and the monologue entitled *Follow Me*, alternate lines without names are offered in brackets [].
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

Simon Peter sits at a table or writing stand, rolls open his scroll, dips his calamus (pen) into the inkpot, and begins writing.

Introduction *(spoken or printed on-screen):*

We meet the Apostle Peter as a *public* figure in the New Testament. But what would he have written if he'd kept a *personal* journal, a record of his own life-changing encounters with Jesus Christ?

Simon-Peter:

Jesus frightens me. I'm just an ordinary man, and sometimes I think he's...not an ordinary man. And yet, no, it's more as if he were the *only* ordinary man and the rest of us were just pretending to be human.

Rising, stepping away from the table, remembering...

He never does things the way I think he should. I've watched him heal lepers and cripples. No show of it, just "get up," and then they do, as if it were perfectly normal. No, no—as though he were *returning* things to normal. Which I think he is.

There was a man in our town. Sad, angry, a little strange—not unlike a lot of men in Capernaum. No one ever even noticed him, really. But Jesus took one look and said, "Get out of him!" The man began jerking around like a fish on a hook. And then suddenly this...thing...came out of him, and he was quiet, peaceful, normal.

Andrew said, "Ohhhh!" and I think he meant, "So *that's* what he should have been like before." *(Laughing)* What we should *all* be like.

He's been staying at our house, along with some of the other disciples. My mother-in-law Naomi [*Alt. delete "Naomi"*] was terribly sick, miserable. Yet at first Jesus did nothing. Why?

My wife Sherah [*Alt. delete "Sherah"*] grew angry: "Why doesn't he do something? He could heal her with a glance."

I asked him, "Master, why do you allow suffering?"

And He looked into my eyes and said, "Why do *you*?" And suddenly I saw all the hurt and pain that I could have stopped in my life, and didn't.

Then Jesus went to Naomi [*Alt. "my wife"*] and took her hand, and she was healed. Instantly.

Sherah [*Alt. "She"*] walked over to Jesus, weeping, and started kissing His hands and begging forgiveness. He just smiled and guided her into my

arms. When she calmed down, I told her, "From now on, whether he lives or dies, I'll be with him."

"Yes," she said, "yes."

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