

## "Just Like Me" Matthew 16:18

Often we look at the men and women in the bible and we elevate them to a place of spiritual superiority. We believe that they were extraordinary and that it is impossible for us to match up. The truth is, they were just like us. Peter, one of the original twelve, struggled just like we do. The great news is, despite our shortcomings, God is still in the business of using ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

Just like Peter...

We can miss the point

Mark 8:31-33

John 13:6-8

Matthew 20:28

John 18:36

We can panic

John 18:17, 25-26

Matthew 14:28-30

Isaiah 43:1-2

Zephaniah 3:17

We can get distracted

Mark 9:5-6

John 21:20-22

I Corinthians 7:35

II Chronicles 16:9 (stop verse at "fully committed to him")

**Peter wasn't perfect but it didn't stop God from using him to change the world!**

Just like Peter...

God is calling us to follow him

John 21:19

Mark 8:34

God offers us a fresh start

I Peter 1:3-4

II Corinthians 5:17

God believes in us

Ephesians 2:10

I Peter 2:9

God empowers us

Acts 1:8

Ephesians 1:18-20