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# Peter's Unique Relationship to Jesus:

- Spent three years with Jesus
- Heard Jesus teach
- Saw Jesus heal and perform many miracles
- Part of the inner circle of the twelve
- Was Jesus' closest friend
- Leader and spokesperson for the disciples



# Peter Witnessed Firsthand:

- Saw Roman Centurion's daughter raised to life
- Witnessed the Transfiguration
- Water turned into wine at wedding in Cana
- Feeding of the 5000
- Walking on water
- Quieted violent storm at His command
- Blind eyes seeing; deaf ears opened
- Leprosy cleansed
- Lazarus raised from the dead



Jesus continues seeking you –  
even when you have failed.

Jesus remains faithful –  
even when you have been unfaithful.

Jesus does not give up on you –  
even when you have given up on yourself.

Jesus remains committed to you –  
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## For those of us like Peter:

*Your failure is not final; you can be forgiven; you have a future.*

**Repent – change your thinking; believe and trust God.**

**Ask God to use you to bless others and build His Kingdom.**