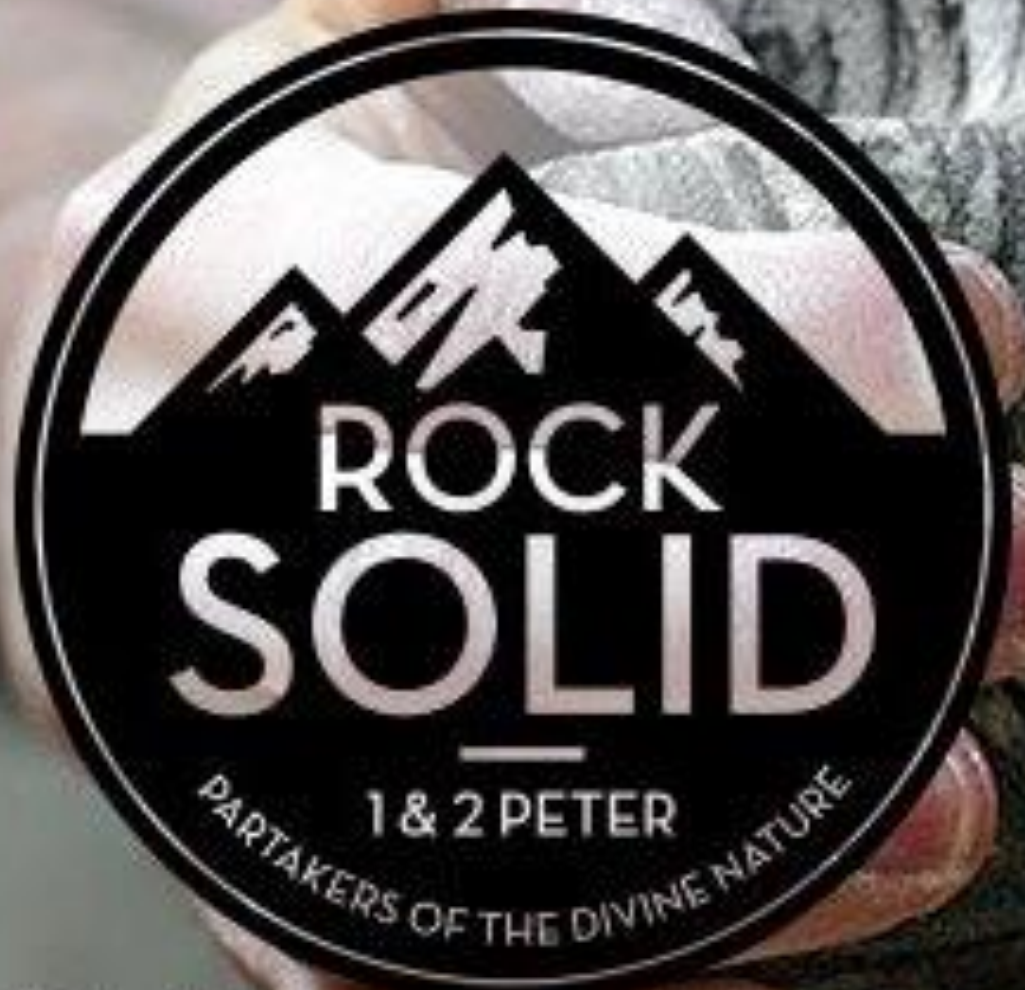


A New Series  
Begins Today  
1st & 2nd Peter  
“Building a Rock  
Solid Foundation  
For Our Faith”



# **A Pebble, a Boulder & a Solid Foundation**

**1 Peter 1:1**

# The Leaning Tower of Pisa



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## **Unstable Foundation**

**A building is only as good as its foundation**

# 1. Who was Peter?

His birth-name was Simon, meaning one who  
hears

Fisherman

He had a brother, Andrew

# 1. Who was Peter?

His father was named John or Jonas

His Hebrew name was Simon bar Jonah

Peter was married

He was a leader among the 12

## II. Peter was a disciple

Jesus described discipleship very narrowly

(see Luke 9:23)

We will never experience the thrill of God  
working through us until we have the experience  
of God working in us

A lifelong process of conformity to His will

## II. Peter was a disciple

He was impulsive, impetuous, and strong-willed

He was self-confident (see John 13:37)

He was prideful (see Mark 10:28 and John 13:8)

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He struggled with legalism and hypocrisy (see Galatians 2)

He was so human that we all relate to him

He was tenderhearted (see Matthew 17:4)

They crucified him up-side down

### III. Who Peter became

An apostle

First there was a name change (then a status change, then a heart change)

Jesus looked at him and renamed him Rocky he saw both who he was and who he would become  
(see John 1:40-42 and 1 Samuel 16:7)

### III. Who Peter became

He was often referred to as Simon even though his name was changed

He was changed from a disciple to an apostle

Apostle speaks of an expedition that would go out and represent a king or kingdom

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Disciples would be changed from disciples to apostles (see Matthew 10)

The Bible uses the term *apostle* in two ways  
Very strict sense: refers to the original 12 who followed Jesus—handpicked and personally commissioned—there are no more of them

### III. Who Peter became

A secondary sense refers to those who were sent out representatives

Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" (John 20:21)

Three important stages of growth:

True conversion, genuine repentance, surrender  
to Christ

Become a disciple, deny yourself, take up your  
cross daily and follow Christ

Discover your sphere of influence in which you  
are sent out to represent Christ

## IV.A heart change

Went on to preach at Pentecost

(see Acts 2:14-36)

Preached to Cornelius (see Acts 10)

Oversee the growth of the church in Antioch

God is patient with leaders; He is developing them

## IV.A heart change

Peter became the rock

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Peter wrote to the scattered believers in Asia  
Minor; in newly formed churches

# FINAL THOUGHTS

The very first time Jesus uses the word *church*  
(see Matthew 16:15-18)

Jesus built His church on what Peter said, not on  
Peter

# FINAL THOUGHTS

In Greek

Peter = pebble, *petros*

What Peter had just said about Jesus = large,  
massive stone, *petra*

# FINAL THOUGHTS

Paul said, "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11)

One of the great themes of this letter from Peter is suffering

# FINAL THOUGHTS

Suffering in the will of God

Living victoriously in the midst of hostility

# FUTURE MESSAGES

- \*How to live now as we wait for the coming of Christ

- \*God's foreknowledge and election

- \*Our eternal inheritance, holiness, excellent behavior

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The Word of God causing growth

- \*Our responsibility to human government

- \*The marriage relationship

- \*Defending the faith

# FUTURE MESSAGES

You never know when a storm is coming

Build on the rock (see Matthew 7:24-27)

Each of us should make a stand on the solid rock  
of Jesus