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MADE BY JESUS
The Life, Ministry, and Letters of Peter
MESSAGE 12

Peter’s Formation Summary (1 of 3)

IDENTITY	Jesus knows Simon and names what He will make.
CALLING	Jesus calls Peter to trust His word and follow.
DISCIPLESHIP	Jesus forms Peter to be with Him and serve.
FAITH	Jesus rescues Peter when his faith wavers.

Peter’s Formation Summary (2 of 3)

CONFESSION	Peter confesses who Jesus is.
CORRECTION	Jesus corrects Peter’s resistance to the cross.
SURRENDER	Jesus calls His disciples to follow His road.
GLORY	The Father commands them to listen to His Son.

Peter’s Formation Summary (3 of 3)

FREEDOM	Jesus teaches Peter that freedom does not require insisting on one's rights.
FORGIVENESS	Jesus teaches Peter that those who receive mercy must extend mercy to others.
GRATITUDE	Jesus teaches Peter to trust His promises, receive His generosity with gratitude, and rejoice when that generosity is extended to others.

HUMILITY

Jesus teaches Peter to receive His gracious cleansing and follow His example of humble service.

HUMILITY: UNLESS I WASH YOU

John 13:1–17 • NASB 1995



By Way of the Word
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BIG IDEA

Jesus graciously provides the cleansing His disciples need and calls them to follow His example of humble, loving service.

John 13:1–17

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John 13:4–5 | NASB 1995

4 *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

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John 13:6–8 | NASB 1995

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11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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John 13:12–14 | NASB 1995

12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you?

13 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for *so* I am.

14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.

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John 13:15–17 | NASB 1995

15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

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Jesus loves His own to the **end**.

Jesus serves with full knowledge of His **authority**.

Jesus takes the place of a **servant**.

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Receive the cleansing He provides

Peter needs Jesus’ cleansing.

The outward act does not itself save.
Jesus declares that not all the disciples are clean, referring to Judas.

John 13:6–11

II. Jesus teaches Peter to receive the cleansing only He can provide.

Peter does not yet **understand** what Jesus is doing.

Peter must receive the cleansing **Jesus** provides.

Outward washing does not guarantee inward **cleansing**.

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III. Jesus calls His disciples to serve others as He has served them.

Jesus remains their Teacher and **Lord**.

Jesus gives His disciples an **example** to follow.

Jesus connects blessing with **doing** what He teaches.

John 13:12–17

Humble love takes action

Christ’s saving work belongs to Him alone.

His example calls us to actual service.

Whom will I serve, and what will I do?

John 13:12–17

PETER’S FORMATION

Jesus teaches Peter to receive His gracious cleansing and follow His example of humble service.

John 13:1–17

The Savior serves; His disciples follow

Christ’s saving service comes first. Our humble service follows.

Receive His gracious cleansing.
Follow His example of humble, loving service.

John 13:1–17

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