

# Peter & a Disciple's Consolation (4/21/24)

**Main Verses:** Luke 18:28-30

**Key Verse:** Luke 18:28

**'Takeaway':** The reassurance Jesus gives Peter is for us as well: that God will provide better things to any who have made sacrifices to follow King Jesus.

**Getting Started:** Have you ever had to give up something only to receive something even better?



**READ** Luke 18:20-30 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does Peter say they've given up to follow Jesus?
- How does Jesus reassure Peter?
- What do Jesus' words of reassurance mean?

Elementary:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Peter tells Jesus that they have left their homes & followed him.
- Jesus reassures them that those who are separated from their families because of Christian ministry (for the sake of the kingdom) will be repaid many times more by God.
- God always provides for his people; if something is taken away for the sake of the kingdom of God, he always has something better (even when "better" looks different than we expect).

Elementary:

- Peter tells Jesus that they have left their homes & followed him.
- Jesus reassures them that those who are separated from their families because of Christian ministry (for the sake of the kingdom) will be repaid many times more by God.
- God will help us know if something is being taken away for the sake of his kingdom. Sometimes things are taken away because they are not good for us, or tempt us to sin.
- God always provides for his people; if something is taken away for the sake of the kingdom of God, he always has something better (even when "better" looks different than we expect).

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him that we can know him as **King** of our lives. Ask him to help you to never be afraid to proclaim him as King of your life.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him that we can know him as King of our lives because of Jesus' death & resurrection. Have you surrendered your life to him as your King? Have you felt the call to surrender to his loving leadership & purpose for your life? If so, you might want to pray in this way: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, & forever with God. With your whole heart & being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.