

***Sermon Title:* PETER—THE APOSTLE WITH THE FOOT-SHAPED MOUTH**

Date: June 16, 2024 - Luke 6:13-16; Luke 22:31-32

Central Idea: We must obey Jesus, even when His commands don't seem to make sense. Do you make a practice of obeying Jesus?

Introduction:

Peter was genuinely human. That is good! He was always himself; he never pretended. Peter had gifts of leadership, and he had something that we call personality. Another quality we like about Peter is his wholeheartedness. He was sometimes on the wrong side of the fence, sometimes on the right side, but he never straddled it.

I. Calling the Twelve

II. Calling of Simon, Luke 6:14

1. Peter
2. Rock

III. Calling to Serve, John 21:15-17

IV. Calling to Leadership, Matthew 4:18-20

1. Raw material
 - (1) Inquisitiveness
 - (2) Initiative, Matthew 16:13-16
 - (3) Involvement, Matthew 14:26-28
2. Life experiences
3. Character qualities

Conclusion:

Peter was a man of too-great self-confidence. He was also an exceedingly impulsive man. He reasoned with his feelings rather than with his mind. Living within the realm of his emotions, Peter was unpredictable and unreliable. But Jesus gave Simon a glimpse of his possibilities. Our Lord, seeing Peter for what he was, saw also what he could become.