

AN ORDINARY MAN

I PETER, 1:1-2b

BACKGROUND: Our author, Peter, must have been much loved because he had so many names.

WHO HAD AN ORDINARY VOCATION—Peter was a fisherman, but he was chosen by Jesus to be an apostle. God used Peter to deliver a powerful message at Pentecost explaining the Holy Spirit’s spectacular introduction to new believers. (**I Peter 1:1, fn 1:1[2nd], Mark 1:16-20, fn 1:16-20, Acts 2:1-4, fn 2:1, Acts 2:14-40, fn 2:37, fn 2:40-43**) *Why does God use ordinary people like you and me to deliver the powerful message of salvation?*

WHO FAILED AS A BELIEVER AND JESUS’ DISCIPLE—However, like Peter, our failures can be our “friends” and lead us to love Jesus more and more. (**Luke 22:31-34, fn 22:33-34, Luke 22:54-62, fn 22:62, John 21:14-19, fn 21:15-17[1st]**) *How has God used your failures to establish and grow your relationship with Him?*

WHO EXPERIENCED TRIALS AND SUFFERING for his faith. Therefore, he can teach us how to live our life in all circumstances. (**I Peter 1:6-7, fn 1:6-7, I Peter 1:13-16, fn 1:14-16[1st], I Peter 5:6-7, fn 5:7**) *How could the Lord use this Peter’s epistle to help you in your life’s trials?*

Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?