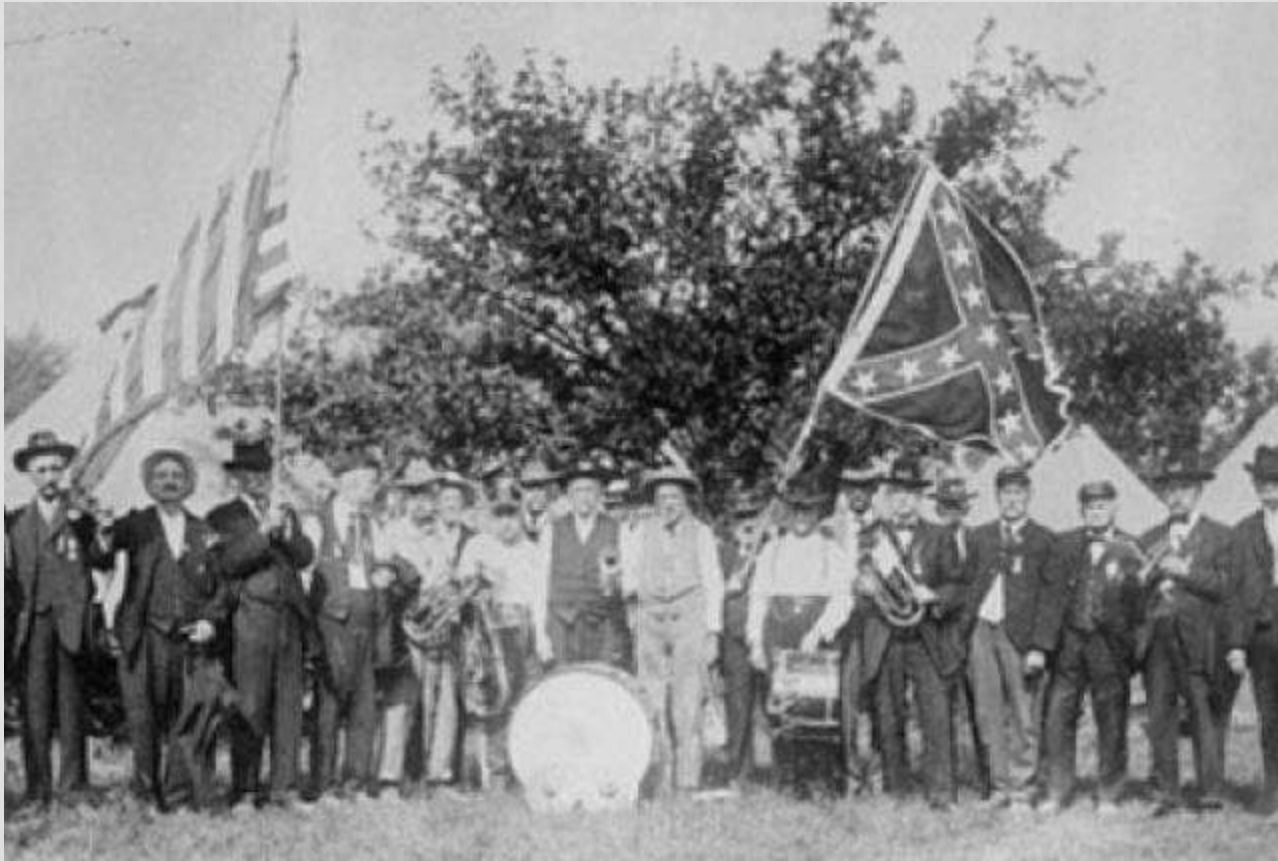


REUNIONS



GETTYSBURG REUNION 1913

- **June 26th to July 6th**
- **Commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg**
- **53,407 Union and Confederate Veterans Attended**
- **Lived in a Camp Together**
- **Many soldiers tried to meet enemy soldiers who tried to shoot them, exchanged badges and one pair buried a hatchet.**

JESUS AND PETER

A REUNION OF FORGIVENESS AND TRUST



- Original name was Simon. Jesus changed it to Peter, which means “rock.”
- Fisherman
- Married
- Brother of Andrew
- Most Outspoken Apostle

THE CALLING OF PETER HUMBLE AND DECISIVE

- ⁴ When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”
- ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”
- ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
- ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.
- Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:4-11

PETER'S RESPONSE TO JESUS

- Peter humbled himself and listened to Jesus' suggestion.
- Peter recognized that Jesus was a man of God.
- Peter professed he was a sinner.
- Peter, James and John immediately dropped their nets and went with Jesus.

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE TO GOD?



- Do we humble ourselves and ask for forgiveness and strength?
- Do we recognize the greatness of God in our lives?
- Are we willing to drop everything and put God first in our lives?

PETER GIVEN THE KEYS OF HEAVEN

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matt 16: 13-19

- Who do we believe Jesus is?
- Our we willing to confess our belief?
- Do we understand what God is revealing to us in our lives?
- Are we a rock for our fellow Christians?

PETER IS SATAN?

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Matt 16: 21-23

- Peter went from being called “the rock on which my church will be built” to being called “Satan” in a matter of a couple of verses.
- How would you have felt if you were Peter?
- Does our plan for our life match up with God’s plan?

A BOLD PROCLAMATION AND A SHOCKING PREDICTION

- ³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”
- ³³ But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”
- ³⁴ Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.” Luke 22: 31-34



Jesus know us better than we do. How does that effect our faith? Do we turn to Jesus during our weakest times or do we try to get through them ourselves?

PREDICTION COMES TRUE

69 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

70 But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

72 He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed.

75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matt 26: 69-75

HOW COULD PETER DENY JESUS?



- Why do you think Peter denied Jesus?
- How would we have reacted?
- Does our fear of rejection or going against the norm, cause us to deny our faith?

THE REUNION

15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

16 Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

17 The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. John 21:15-17



TRUE FORGIVENESS AND TRUST

- The scriptures never mention Jesus discussing the events of the night he was arrested with his disciples.
- Jesus put aside Peter's denial, and put him in charge of "feeding his sheep."
- God puts asides our sins and continues to love us.
- God has asked us to continue "feeding his sheep" and furthering his kingdom.
- What is our response?