



***Week 11:
Up, Down, All
Around***

April 20, 2027



What is God's expectation of us?

(Open Discussion)



PETER

- Known as Simon, Simon Peter or Peter
 - His brother was Andrew (one of the disciples)
 - Wrote Peter 1 and Peter 2 (debated)
 - He was originally a fisherman but left everything to become a disciple (follower) of Jesus
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Matthew 14: 22-33



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVy9HGr3Qig>

Matthew 26:31-35, John 18:15-27, and John 21:15-17



The Life of Peter



➤ Peter went on to be a leader of the early church and spread the gospel in (Acts 1-12):

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- Lydda
- Joppa
- Caesarea

➤ Peter performed many miracles

- Healed a cripple
- Raised a woman from the dead

➤ Peter was arrested by Herod and put under the guard of 4 squads of soldiers; but miraculously escaped when an angel appeared to him in prison

➤ Peter was martyred (killed) in Rome (Apocryphal texts)

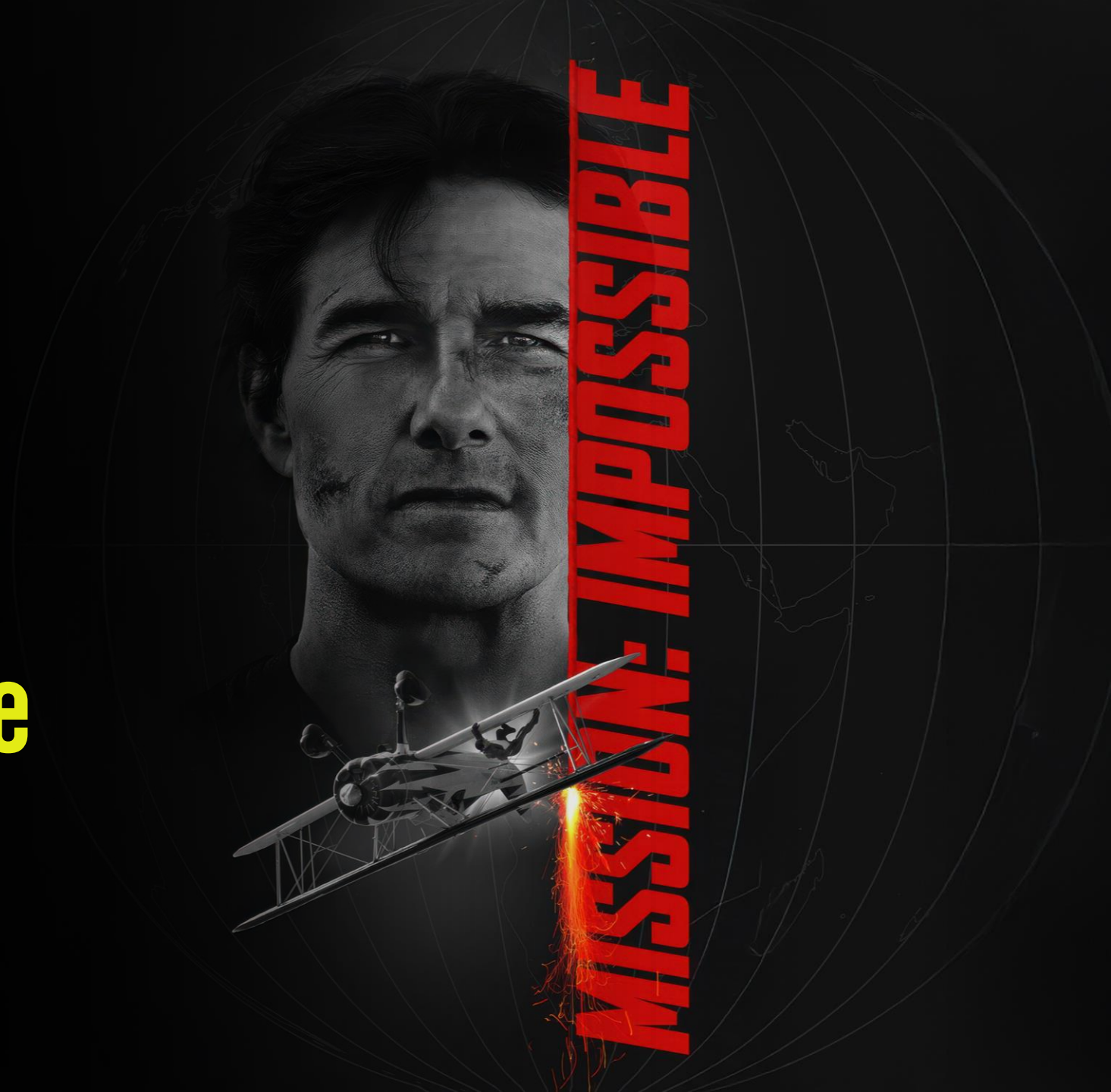
➤ Peter was crucified upside down (Apocryphal texts)



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Will God ask
us to do
things that
we are unable
to do?

(Open Discussion)



What God Requires of Us



Things we are
able to do



1. Build a Strong Foundation

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Know God

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Know God's
promises for you

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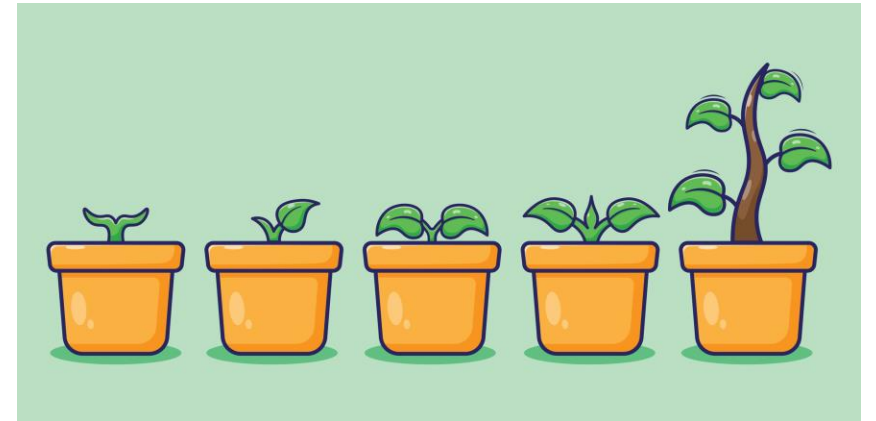
Know God's
heart, will and
desires

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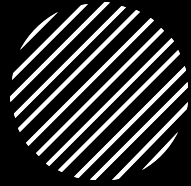
Build a solid
foundation of faith
– God focused not
outcome focused

2. Take up Your Cross

- ✓ Deny your sinful nature
- ✓ Deny your will and desires
- ✓ Grow in wisdom
- ✓ Grow in knowledge
- ✓ Grow in your faith
- ✓ Grow in your walk with God



3. Get up When You Fall



- When you make mistakes don't stay there
- Turn back to God, get up and keep walking towards Him



Dishonorable Mention – Judas

Matthew 27: 1 – 5

- Judas betrayed Jesus
- Judas accepted 30 pieces of silver in exchange for betraying Jesus
- Judas felt great guilt for betraying Jesus
- Judas hung himself

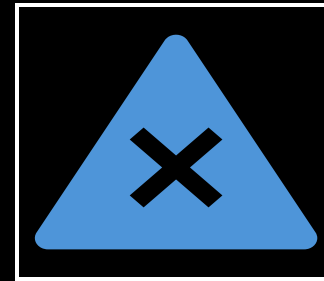


4. Keep it in Perspective – Give yourself Grace



What this means

- God knows we are imperfect
- God has made a way for you
- God has factored your failures into His plans
- God will never give up on you



What this does not mean

- Sin freely
- Don't hold yourself accountable
- Don't grow in your faith, discernment and your walk with God

5. Understand Life is a Training Ground



- You will have great highs
- You will have great lows
- Your job is to stay the course