



PETER ON TRIAL — *Intimidated by Power and Position*

Underdogs, Part 6

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UD: Though we feel intimidated at times, Power and Position are no match for God's reality in the life of an Underdog.

PETER ON TRIAL BEFORE THE POWERFUL AND HIGHLY PLACED — Acts 4

THREE UNDERDOG PRINCIPLES

1. Underdogs find strength is in their "UD" space.

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Acts 4:19–20

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

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- Think of it as an alternative to gripping.

2. Experiencing God is EVERYTHING... and way more likely as an UNDERDOG.

- Keep moving toward Jesus... staying open to Jesus... expecting to be surprised by Jesus.

► ONCE AGAIN: A "WORD from GOD" is the story behind the story.

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- Notice: "The Holy Spirit," God's spirit is all over this story... and wants to be all over your story!
- 3. UD is an US thing.

A FINAL QUESTION: How about ditching "else" and trusting Jesus to "rescue" you?

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