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Matthew 4:18-22, 16:13-20

Jesus' meeting with His disciples occurred at a turning point. Trials lay ahead, and Christ knew His path of suffering would ultimately lead Him to the Cross. The disciples needed to be firm in their faith if they wanted to go any further with Him.

It is significant that Caesarea Philippi, the place in which this encounter took place, was an overwhelmingly pagan region. In that hushed moment, surrounded by glaring images of false gods, Peter spoke a divinely-inspired confession of Jesus as Savior. Peter probably did not yet comprehend the full weight of the words he spoke. Nevertheless, he believed.

The confession of faith?the acknowledgement of Jesus as God's Messiah and its power to work in human hearts?is the foundation, the DNA that weaves us into Christ's Body. And when we believe, Christ's power in us helps us persevere in the faith so that even hell cannot defeat us.

We all reach a critical point at which we must confess who we believe Jesus really is.

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