



Peter Bully, Bystander, or Bridge

Matthew 16:21-22 Peter _____ Jesus for his foolish thoughts.

Mark 14:27-31 Peter rose up to defend his _____ and _____.

John 18:4-11 Peter _____ Malchus with a sword and cut off an ear.

Peter was a _____ by nature: Pushy, demanding, in charge,
charging ahead vainly

- Luke 22:54-62
- Peter still had bully type _____
 - Peter's desire was to **blend in and not be seen**
 - Peter wanted to _____ from the sidelines

Peter had suddenly become a _____: Disengaged, sidelined, isolated

Acts 2:14-41 Peter _____ to preach Jesus as Messiah and called for the Jews to respond to Jesus as their Savior.

Acts 3:1-26 Peter healed a lame beggar, and then preached Jesus as the Messiah and _____ the Jews to respond to Jesus as their Savior.

Acts 6:1-7 Peter **admitted there was a problem**, delegated, and then blessed.

Acts 8:14-17 Peter traveled to Samaria and _____ on the believers there.

Peter has now become a _____: Explaining, helping, delegating,
investing, ministering

Application:

1. You may not be a bully by nature. Perhaps you are sarcastic, angry, deceitful, driven by lust for power, money, position, or sensuality; etc. Everyone starts off life with a _____ towards one kind of sin over another.

2. As a Christian, you have probably found that being a bully Christian, or sarcastic Christian, or angry Christian, or deceptive Christian, or perverted Christian _____ really work out well in life.
 - a. This is when Satan tells you that you're not _____ to be anything more than a spiritual bystander.
 - b. This is when **discouragement**, **frustration**, and even **anger** set in.

3. This is also when you make the _____ to leave the old life behind and _____ your new life as a believer.
 - a. You _____ a bright light, an ambassador, salt, etc.
 - b. You become a _____ leading people from the ways of the world to "The way, the truth, and the life", Jesus Christ.

Where are you at?

1. Are you trying to _____ your old sinful nature with your new creation Soul?
2. Are you sitting on the _____ looking in feeling sorry for yourself and letting others do their share of the work – and yours too?
3. Are you _____ from your mistakes, _____ your sinful tendencies, and _____ your maturity in Christ so that you can be a **bridge** between sinners and their savior.