

# WHEN THE BLESSED NEED TO BE REBUKED



**MATTHEW 16:13-28**

**I. Jesus asked two serious questions and Peter answered the hard one. (Matthew 16:13-16).**



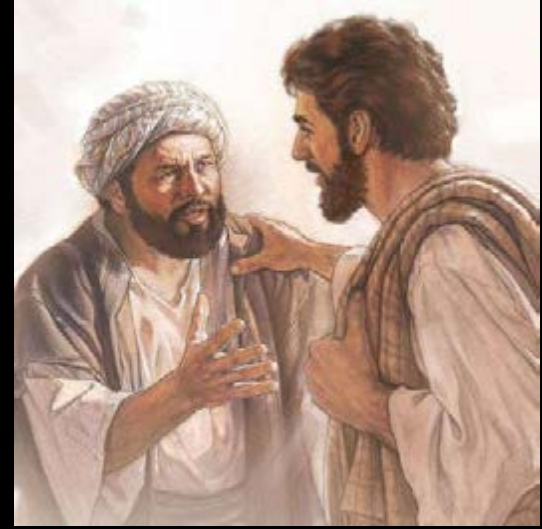
- **What do both of these questions tell us about the disciples?**
- **How well can you answer these two questions?**
- **What will help us to have a faith like Peter's?**

## **II. Peter was specifically blessed for his confession (Matthew 16:17-20).**



- **Why was Peter blessed and what blessings did he receive?**
- **How are we affected by the blessings that Peter received?**

### **III. Peter takes issue with the message that Jesus will soon die (v.21-22).**



- **What reasons would Peter have for taking Jesus aside?**
- **What is our duty when the message of Jesus is not what we want to hear?**

# IV. Jesus clearly rebuked the one He had just blessed (v.23).



- How strongly did Peter feel this rebuke?
- For what behaviors do we deserve this same rebuke?

**V. The teaching that followed is all a part of this context (v.24-28).**



- How do denying self, taking your cross and following apply to **verse 23**?
- How does **verse 25** apply to **verse 23**?
- How does **verse 26** apply to **verse 23**?
- How do the prophecies of **verse 27-28** apply to **verse 23** and to us?

**Call to Action: To trust  
God's message even when  
it's not what we want to  
hear.**



- What will help you better answer the questions in **verses 13 & 15**?
- On what was the church built upon?
- What is our duty to God's message when we don't want to hear it?
- How does it bless us to feel like Peter felt?
- Who are you denying self to follow?
- What are you saving and what are you losing?

**-How can we help?**