

# Human Traits

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When bad things happen, do you ever let fear and doubt cloud your thinking and cause your faith to waver? When we let fear and doubt have an influence over our lives they cause us to make wrong decisions. Out of fear of the unknown about what is happening comes doubt and confusion about the decisions we just made.

When we examine ourselves we can see some things shared with the Apostle Peter.

Peter sometimes showed his quick temper, his fear, his doubt. When Peter cut off the slave's ear (John 18:10 - quick temper), when he denied Christ three times (Matthew 26<sup>th</sup> chapter - fear for his life), and when Peter walked on the water with Christ (fear and doubt - Matthew 14: 28-33), his faith began to waver. When Peter started to sink Christ reached out His hand to help. As we go through tough times we sometimes forget that Christ is always there for us to reach out to for the help we need.

In Hebrews 13:5, we have a promise from God that says, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." This is the same promise God made to Joshua after the death of Moses. Also read verse 8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." With this we can be assured that He is always there when we need His help.

Have we forgotten how to pray? Have we forgotten how to ask for God's help? Mark 11:24 reminds us, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours". We need to remember that in all things His will shall be done. Our faith in Christ needs to remain strong and our prayers should constantly seek His help and guidance.

The Eldership would like to ask for your prayers as we try to lead the congregation in 2013.

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