

## IT'S TIME TO DISCOVER THE REAL YOU

*Time Keeps on Slipping- Part 5*

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There is so much pressure to be part of a “community” these days that it is difficult to know who YOU are. These communities have rules and constraints pressuring one to be something or someone other than their authentic selves.

Our jobs, families, friend circles, social groups, and society can over time define us until our truest and best selves are never realized.

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Peter was a 30 year-old husband, father, son, brother, fisherman and zealot. He was known for large swings of emotion and temper. His name, Simon, meant “one who hears”. The name had a connotation of meaning “flittering butterfly”.

Jesus brought out the best, real, authentic person. He reflected that with a new name... Peter “The Rock”.

## HOW DOES JESUS HELP US TO BECOME OUR REAL SELVES?

### 1. HE KNOWS OUR STRENGTHS.

*“I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”* Jeremiah 1:5

### 2. HE KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES.

*“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*  
2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)

### 3. HE KNOWS OUR POTENTIAL.

*“being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 1:6 (NIV)