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BIBLE 401 HOW CAN I LIVE FOR GOD?

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HOW CAN I LIVE FOR GOD?

While studying this LIFEPAC®, you will learn more about how you can live for God. To help you live for Him, God has provided you with a new life in Christ. Before Jesus went back to heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit. You first come to know God as He speaks to you from His Word. Then you have the opportunity of daily living with Christ because the Holy Spirit is your helper. As you live in obedience to the Word of God, others will notice your new life, the Christ-life in you. God will provide occasions for you to explain to others how they can receive Christ.

In this LIFEPAC you will study how Peter, one of Christ's first followers, lived for God and how you can also live for God.

Objectives

Read these objectives. The objectives tell you what you will be able to do when you have successfully completed this LIFEPAC. Each section will list according to the numbers below what objectives will be met in that section. When you have finished this LIFEPAC, you should be able to:

- 1. Tell how Peter found Jesus.
- 2. List the results of Peter's Pentecost sermon.
- 3. Repeat what Jesus asked Peter to do after Jesus arose from the dead.
- 4. Tell how Peter lived for God.
- 5. Explain how a person is born again.
- 6. Explain how a Christian grows.
- 7. Tell how you can live for God.

1. HOW PETER LIVED FOR GOD

After Peter came to Jesus Christ, he answered Jesus' call to follow Him. After a period of training, Peter "fished for men" and "fed God's sheep."

Objectives

Review these objectives. When you have completed this section, you should be able to:

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- 3. Repeat what Jesus asked Peter to do after Jesus arose from the dead.
- 4. Tell how Peter lived for God.

Vocabulary

Study these new words. Learning the meanings of these words is a good study habit and will improve your understanding of this LIFEPAC.

basin (bā' sn). Bowl.

Bethsaida (beth' sā' i du). Peter's home town.

career (ku rir'). The work a person chooses to do through his working years.

debt (det). That which is owed to another.

 $\mbox{\bf diary}$ (dī' ur $\bar{\mbox{e}}$). A written record of what you do each day.

disciple (du sī' pul). A person who follows and believes in a leader and his teachings.

faith (fāth). Belief or trust.

forgive (fur giv'). Not have hard feelings toward.

foundation (foun dā' shun). The part that other parts rest on for support.

grader (grā' dur). A person who is in a certain grade at school.

interview (in' tur vyü). A meeting to talk over something special.

obedience (ō bē' dē uns). The act of obeying.

Pentecost (pen' tu kôst). Feast of Weeks that came fifty days after Passover.

pray (prā). To talk to God.

preach (prē ch). To give a sermon.

repent (ri pent'). To change from going your own way to going God's way.

salary (sal' $ur \bar{e}$). A certain amount of money that is paid to someone for work that he does.

sandal (san' dl). A shoe with a sole that is fastened to the foot by a strap or straps. **sin** (sin). Doing wrong.

Note: All vocabulary words in this LIFEPAC appear in **boldface** print the first time they are used. If you are unsure of the meaning when you are reading, study the definitions given.

Pronunciation Key: hat, āge, cãre, fär; let, ēqual, tèrm; it, īce; hot, ōpen, ôrder; oil; out; cup, pút, rüle; child; long; thin; /TH/ for then; /zh/ for measure; /u/ or /ə/ represents /a/ in about, /e/ in taken, /i/ in pencil, /o/ in lemon, and /u/ in circus.

Peter Found Jesus



Read John 1:28-44.

The twins, Leonard and Linda, are fourth **graders**. Their class is learning about different careers. Each student has chosen one career that interests him. Linda and Leonard have been learning about their uncle's work in Israel. Today Linda is giving her report. You are invited to listen to it.

"I have been interested in what my uncle is doing in Israel. His work is finding out what happened in the past. He does this work by digging into the earth and looking for objects. He has also learned to read Hebrew. My uncle wanted to be able to read any writing that he found. I was very excited about his letter. I thought you might like to hear part of it. I brought it to read to you."

Linda's uncle wrote, "We have been digging near the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The village of **Bethsaida**, where Peter lived, stood here. Now the old village is broken down and covered with earth. We dig to find broken bricks, tiles, coins, and lamps.

We use different tests on them to find out how old they are. When we had dug deep enough, we found many things that were as old as the time of Christ. The



| Bethesda. Old City, Jerusalem

foundation stones of two houses were found.

"I thought it might make our work more interesting to you if I pretended that one of the houses belonged to Peter and his wife and the other house to friends of Peter's. Let's pretend that the little girl in the house next to Peter's kept a diary. We will call the little girl Hali. I will write to you what I think Hali might have written in her diary. Her diary might have been written on a scroll." Many people wrote on scrolls in Jesus' day. Hali might have written her diary like the following page.



Wednesday — Today I was looking out of the window.
The house next door belongs to Simon, son of Jona. Simon's brother, Andrew, came to the house while I was looking. I heard Andrew tell Simon why he had come. He wanted Simon to meet a man called Jesus.

Andrew has been a **disciple** of John the Baptist. Well, a few days ago, this man they call *Jesus* came to the place where



| John the Baptist

John and two of his disciples were. One of these disciples was Andrew. John introduced Jesus as the Lamb of God, which taketh away the **sin** of the world. I wonder why John called Jesus the Lamb of God? It must have something to do with the lambs we kill. The lambs are sacrificed for our sin. Will Jesus also die for our sin? Simon went with his brother, Andrew, to see Jesus. I hope Simon will tell me about it when he comes back.

"That was what my uncle wrote for Hali's diary on the first day. Here is how Hali's diary read a few days later."

I heard Simon when he came back home. He was so excited. I could hear him tell his family what happened. Jesus had called him by his name, Simon, son of Jona. Jesus even knew who Simon's father was! Would Jesus know my name? Would Jesus know who my parents are? I'd like to meet Jesus. Simon said that Jesus gave him a new name, Peter. Peter means a *stone*. I wonder why Jesus gave Peter a new name meaning a *stone*? Maybe some day I'll know. Would Jesus give me a new name? What would it mean?

That's all the news for today. Isn't it exciting? How can I ever sleep?"

"That's Hali's diary for the first few days. That's all I have for my report," Linda said.

Everyone was interested in Linda's report. They were all interested in what her uncle would write for the rest of the diary. The teacher said that Linda could read the rest of it to the class.

That evening Linda made a puzzle for her class to work. Here is one for you on the following page.



Complete this activity to discover a very important message.

1.1 Fill in the lines after the clues. Some lines have numbers under them. In the last step (j.), write the letters on the lines above the same number. If you do it right, you'll read a most important message. a. What did John call Jesus? ______7 How many disciples were with John? __ c. What did these disciples do? 9 15 What was his brother's name?______ What did Andrew do? ____ __ ___ ___ ___ ___ _____ 13 What did Peter's new name mean? What did John say Jesus would do? _____ j.

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16

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Do this map activity.

On the map of New Testament Israel, find the city, Bethsaida, where Peter lived (John 1:44). Circle the name of the city on the map.



Peter Followed Jesus



The next few letters that Linda received from her uncle contained more pages from Hali's diary. The letters described the things that Peter learned from Jesus. The first letter said,



Today I went walking by the Sea of Galilee. Simon Peter and Andrew were fishing. Jesus walked by. I was so excited. I listened to Him talk to the men. Jesus told them if they would follow Him, they could fish for men. I was really surprised when they stopped fishing. I wonder what *fishing for men* means?

Peter's obedience. From Hali's diary:

I wonder what my father would have done if Jesus had asked him to give up his job and follow Jesus. I didn't hear Jesus say anything about **salary**. I wonder how Simon Peter will get food and clothes. Peter obeyed Jesus. I think he had **faith** in Jesus.

I asked Simon Peter why he would give up his job to follow Jesus. He told me that he believed Jesus was God's Son and the Savior of the world. Everyone should obey God's Son.



| Disciples Simon, Andrew, James and John pulling a catch of fish to a boat



Interview two adults who work. Ask them what they would do if they were offered a new job by a stranger.

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Write a letter to Hali.

Tell Hali why you think Peter followed Jesus.
Tell her whether you think Peter was right or wrong.
Explain why you think as you do.

	Date
Dear Hali,	

Teacher check:	
Initials	Date



Read a book and write a book report.

Title of the book			
Author			
Did you like the book?	Yes	No	(Circle your answer.)
a. What did you like abo			
Teacher ch	neck:		

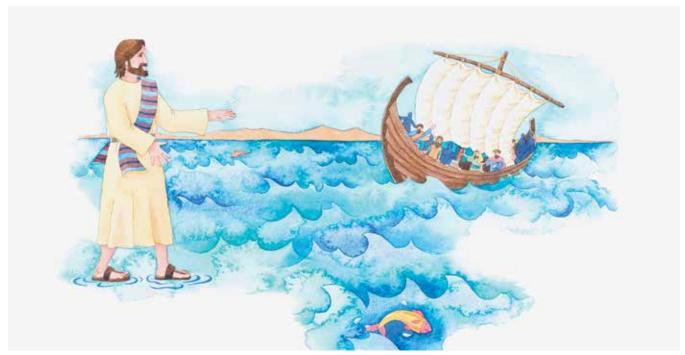
Peter's faith. In the next letter Linda's uncle sent more from Hali's diary.





Peter was home. I got to hear about his latest adventure with Jesus. Yesterday many people came to hear Jesus. Only one boy brought something to eat. When it was getting late, Jesus told His disciples to feed the people. All the food they could find was the boy's lunch. Jesus used the lunch to feed over five thousand people. I wish I could have been there.

After that, Jesus told the disciples to take the boat to the other side of the lake. Then Jesus went up into a mountain to **pray**. When the boat was halfway across, the wind began to blow. The disciples in the boat saw someone walking on the water. They couldn't tell who it was. All the disciples were afraid. Jesus told them who He was. He told them not to be afraid. Peter wanted to walk on the water. Jesus told him to come. Peter did walk on water, but the wind was blowing hard, and the waves were high. Peter began to look around. He looked at the waves. He became afraid. He took his eyes off of Jesus and he started to sink. Peter called to Jesus to rescue him. Jesus took Peter's hand and asked him why he had doubted. Jesus and Peter got in the boat. The wind stopped blowing. Then the disciples all said that Jesus was God's Son.



| Jesus walking on water



Do this puzzle.

1.9 Linda was interested in the names of the twelve disciples. She found their names in Matthew 10:1 -10:4. She made a puzzle for her class. See if you can find the names of the disciples. Look down and across. Put a ring around their names. Write their names on the lines following the puzzle.

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Ν	Н	С	С	S	1	M	W	0	W	-	L	L
D	1	S	С	1	Р	L	Е	S	А	-	А	S
R	L	J	А	\bowtie	Е	S	L	1	S	А	1	Ι
Е	1	0	J	0	Н	Ν	\vee	\bowtie	0	S	Ε	M
W	Р	Ν	0	Ν	А	А	Е	Е	Ν	0	С	Е

a	b
C	d
e	f
g	h
i	j
k.	I.

Peter's question. Several weeks passed before a letter came from Linda's Uncle Gerald. He had written more of Hali's diary for Linda. Listen to this part:





Today I was very upset with my friend. She tore my doll's dress. I told her to go home. I didn't want to ever see her again. She left, but I felt so bad, I began to cry. My neighbor, Simon Peter, came along. He asked me what was wrong. I told him all about it. I asked him if I had to **forgive** her. He told me about asking Jesus a question something like that. He said he asked Jesus how many times he had to forgive someone. Peter suggested seven times. Jesus told Peter not seven times but seventy times seven.

I bent down to multiply that in the sand – 490 times! How would I ever keep track of how many times I had already forgiven her?

While I was thinking, Peter told me a story. It was the story Jesus told him. It was about a man who owed a king a lot of money. The man didn't have the money to pay his **debt**. The king was going to sell the man and his family. The man begged the king for

more time. He promised to pay. The king forgave the man.

This man who had been forgiven by the king met a man who owed him a smaller amount of money. The first man demanded the money at once. The other man begged for more time. He promised to pay. The forgiven man would not give the other man more time. He had him put in prison. The king heard what the forgiven man had done. The king was angry and had that man punished.

This story reminded Peter of what Jesus had taught his disciples to pray. When I heard what Jesus had taught his disciples to pray, I decided to forgive my friend.



| Jesus forgiving



Do this puzzle.

1.10 Linda found the verse in her Bible. She wrote it in code for her classmates. Can you figure it out? Using the Number Code Key, write the correct letters on the lines above the numbers.

Number Code

1 = A	5 = E	9 = 1	13 = M	17 = Q	21 = U	25= Y
2 = B	6 = F	10 = J	14 = N	18 = R	22 = V	26= Z
3 = C	7 = G	11 = K	15 = O	19 = S	23 = W	
4 = D	8 = H	12 = L	16 = P	20 = T	24 = X	

Jesus' teaching. The next letter from Uncle Gerald had more from Hali's diary.



One entry stated,

I had a letter from Peter today. He said, "Dear Friend, Jesus taught me a lesson. I thought it might help you. Two nights ago, after we had eaten, Jesus poured water into a **basin**. He began to wash our feet. At first, I wouldn't let Him wash my feet. Then Jesus said I couldn't be His follower if He didn't wash my feet. So then I wanted Him to wash me all over. But Jesus said we only needed to be washed all over once. He said we only need to have our feet washed again."

"Jesus was teaching a lesson by using an example. You take a bath. Then you go out to play. Sand gets in your **sandals**. When you pull them off at night your feet are dirty. You need to wash your feet before you go to bed."

"Our hearts need the same kind of cleansing each day. Jesus cleansed our hearts when he took away our sin, but sometimes we don't obey God. Sometimes we don't have faith. We don't forgive someone. When this happens, we need to have our hearts cleansed from these things."



Our hearts need daily cleansing, too.

"I know that Jesus forgave my sins and made my heart clean. I also know I need to have my life cleansed every day, too."

"But, dear Hali, that was the last meal we had with Jesus. The soldiers took Jesus away and killed Him. I will write to you again soon, but I find it too hard to talk about now."

I can't talk about it, either.



Write the letter on the line to match these items.

1.11	 number of people Jesus fed	a.	7
1.12	 number of disciples	b.	12
1.13	 number of times Peter thought you should	C.	490
	forgive	d.	5,000+
1.14	 number of times Jesus said you should forgive	e.	4,500

Peter Fished for Men



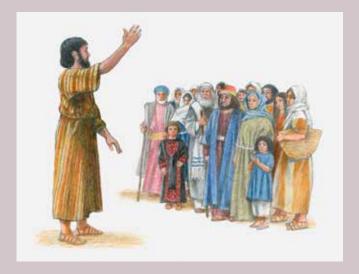
When Linda came from school, she found a letter from Uncle Gerald. She read, "Dear Leonard and Linda, I've come to the place in Hali's diary of events that took place after Jesus' death."

Here is part of Hali's diary that Uncle Gerald wrote for the children.



My friend's family made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem last week for the Feast of Weeks. The Feast of Weeks is also called **Pentecost** because it is just fifty days after the barley offering during Passover. That was just fifty days after Jesus arose from the dead. We all felt so sad when we heard that Jesus had been killed. Peter says he knows Jesus arose from the dead. Peter says that he saw Jesus several times afterwards.

My friend's family heard Peter **preach** while they were in Jerusalem. My friend said it was so exciting! First, the Holy Spirit of God filled the disciples and followers of Christ. They were able to preach in the languages of all the foreign visitors. In that one day three thousand people believed what Peter told them about Jesus. Peter told them that they should **repent** and be baptized. They took Jesus as their Savior and were baptized.



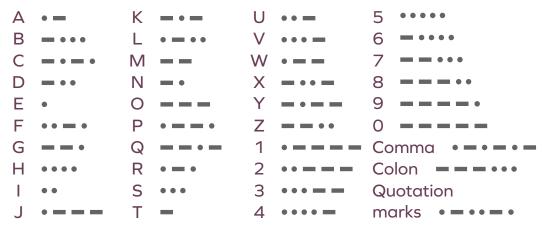
Everybody is talking about it—even in Bethsaida. They say more people keep repenting and taking Jesus as their Savior every day.



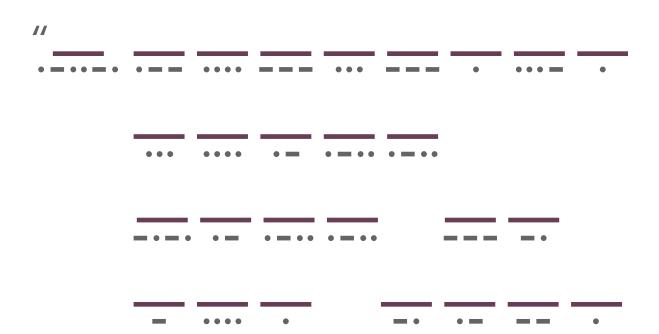
Do these activities.

Use the Morse code to figure out the message from the Bible.

International Morse Code



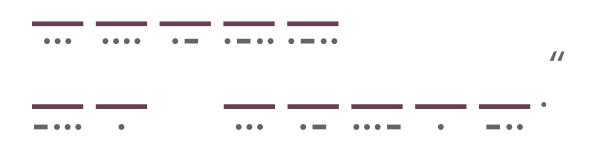
1.15 Linda took part of Peter's message and wrote it in Morse code. See if you can figure out the message. Write the letters in the lines above the Morse code signs.



International Morse Code

Α	• —	K	- • -	U	••-	5 •••••
В	- • • •	L	• - • •	V	•••	6
C	- • - •	M		W	•	7 • • •
D	- • •	Ν	-•	X		8 **
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1.16 Write the Bible verse, Acts 2:21, on these lines.



Memorize Acts 2:21. Say it from memory to a teacher.

	Teacher check:
	Initials
Write a newspaper story on events in Peter's life following	Date
his first sermon. Base your story	
on an event recorded in Acts	
chapter 3 or 4. Pretend you are a rep Journal.	porter for a newspaper, The Jerusalem
Write as if you were living in Peter's ti	ime.
(HEA	ADLINE)
Teacher check:	
Initials	Date
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Peter Fed Sheep



When the next letter came from Uncle Gerald, it had good news. He was coming back to the United States for a visit. He would be able to answer all the questions the family had about his work.

He also sent some more of Hali's diary. Hali told about a letter from Peter.



Today our family received a letter from our neighbor Peter. He told us why he was spending all of his time preaching. He said that after Jesus arose from the dead, seven of the disciples had gone fishing. They couldn't catch any fish. Later Jesus came and told them where to catch fish. They caught one hundred fifty-three! Then they are breakfast with Jesus.

Here is the rest of Peter's letter:

"After breakfast Jesus asked me if I loved Him more than I loved the fishing business. He asked me the same question three times. He told me to feed His lambs and sheep and be a shepherd to His people."

"One way God wants me to feed His lambs and sheep is to take God's message to them."

"You are one of God's lambs. His message is that Jesus came to take away your sin. He died for your sins. You can be one of Jesus' lambs if you ask Jesus to be your Savior. You can follow Jesus. You can talk to Jesus. You can fish for boys and girls. Why don't you talk to God now? Tell Him about your sins. Tell Him you believe He died for your sins. Thank Him for dying for your sins. The Holy Spirit will live in your life, just as He has lived in mine since Pentecost."

"Write and let me know how things are going. Ask me any questions you have. I want to help you live for Jesus."

Peter

I have prayed to God and asked Him to let Jesus be my Savior. I don't understand it very well. I will learn more about it from my mother—from Peter, too, when he comes back to Bethsaida.



Do this puzzle.

1.18 Read the puzzle clues and fill in the blanks. Then write the words in the puzzle.

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Λ	-	m	C	c

1.	John called Jesus the 1 of God.
4.	Peter's home town was
	4
6.	Jesus promised Peter he could fish for 6
	Down
2.	Simon Peter's brother was named 2
3.	Peter asked Jesus about

5. John said Jesus would take away 5. _____ ___.

3.____ ____

1	2					3	
4				5			
-	Ш	Ш	Щ	5		Ш	
					6	Ш	



Practice dividing words into syllables.

1.19 Remember that if two consonants come right after the first vowel in a word, the word is usually divided into syllables between the two consonants.

Example: cam / pus

Divide the words into syllables.

	Word	First Syllable		Second Syllable
a.	fountain	a	b	
b.	quarter	a	b	
C.	window	a	b	
d.	Linda	a	b	
е.	forgive	a	b	
f.	after	a	b	
g.	sandal	a	b	
h.	follow	a	b.	

1.20 Remember, when a word is divided into syllables, two consonants that make one sound, such as *sh*, *th*, *ch*, *wh*, are never separated.

	Word	First Syllable		Second Syllable
a.	worship	a	b.	
b.	touching	a	b.	
C.	truthful	a	b.	
d.	meanwhile	a	b.	
e.	breathless	a	b.	
f.	although	a	b.	
g.	nowhere	a	b.	



Review the material in this section to prepare for the Self Test. The Self Test will check your understanding of this section. Any items you miss on this test will show you what areas you will need to restudy in order to prepare for the unit test.

SELF TEST 1

Complete these statements (each answer counts 3 points).

1.01	Bethsaida was
1.02	A disciple is
1.03	A scroll is
1.04	Sin is
1.05	John introduced Jesus as
1.06	John said Jesus would
1.07	Simon Peter's brother was named
1.08	Jesus gave Peter a
1.09	Peter's new name meant
1.010	Jesus told Peter he could fish for
1.011	Peter questioned Jesus about
1.012	Peter didn't want Jesus to
1.013	When Peter preached, many people
1.014	After Jesus arose, He told Peter to
1.015	Jesus asked Peter one question time:
Comple	ete these activities (each numbered item counts 5 points).
1.016	When did Peter start to sink in the water?
1.017	Tell the story Jesus told Peter about forgiveness.
1.018	What does this story in 1.017 teach you?

1.019	How many responded	to Peter's first sermon?	
1.020	List four ways in which	Peter lived for Jesus.	
	1		
	2		
Divide 1	_	syllables (each answer counts	
4 004	Word	First Syllable	Second Syllable
1.021	forgive		
1.022	worship		
1.023	sandal		
1.024			
1.025	after		
1.026	wonder		
1.027	follow		
1.028	meanwhile		
1.029	breathless		
1.030	although		
1.031	fifty		
1.032	window		
1.033	sermon		
1.034	question		
1.035	person		
	Teacher check:	Initials	80
	Score	Date	100



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