

“From Fuming to Faithful”
Changed Lives – Part 5
Selected Scriptures
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❖ **JOHN’S “BORING” STORY OF A CHANGED LIFE . . .**

1. HIS FOUNDATION: FOLLOWED JESUS EARLY IN LIFE.

“A little farther up the shore He saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And He called them to come, too. They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind.” Matthew 4:21-22 (NLT)

“When Jesus saw His mother standing there beside the disciple He loved, He said to her, ‘Dear woman, here is your son.’ And He said to this disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ And from then on this disciple took her into his home.” John 19:26-27 (NLT)

2. HIS FLAW: STRUGGLED WITH A BAD TEMPER.

“These are the twelve He chose: Simon (whom He named Peter), James and John (the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them Sons of Thunder’).” Mark 3:16-17 (NLT)

❖ **Anger comes out in spiritual rivalry.**

“Then His disciples began arguing about which of them was the greatest. But Jesus knew their thoughts, so He brought a little child to His side. Then He said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes Me, and anyone who welcomes Me also welcomes My Father who sent Me. Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.’” Luke 9:46-48 (NLT)

❖ **Anger comes out in spiritual arrogance.**

“John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he isn’t in our group.’ But Jesus said, ‘Don’t stop him! Anyone who is not against you is for you.’” Luke 9:49-50 (NLT)

❖ **Anger comes out in spiritual intolerance.**

“As the time drew near for Him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for His arrival. But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because He was on His way to Jerusalem. When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, ‘Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?’ But Jesus turned and rebuked them.” Luke 9:51-55 (NLT)

“You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.” James 1:19-20 (NLT)

3. HIS FAITH: FOUND THE RESURRECTION EASY TO BELIEVE.

“Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed . . .” John 20:3-8 (NLT)

4. HIS FINISH: FAITHFUL TO THE END.

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35 (NKJV)

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling . . .” Jude 1:24a (NKJV)

“But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty . . .” 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NKJV)