

*Acts:
A Christ-Centered, Spirit-Empowered, Multiethnic Church On
Mission*



Early Church Vignettes: Part 2b

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Acts 4:13-22 (ESV)

[13] Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. [14] But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. [15] But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, [16] saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. [17] But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.” [18] So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. [19] But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, [20] for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” [21] And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. [22] For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Three ways Peter and John were “with Jesus”

(1)

They had a life transforming encounter with Jesus

(2)

They devoted themselves to follow Jesus

(3)

They did and taught everything Jesus did and taught

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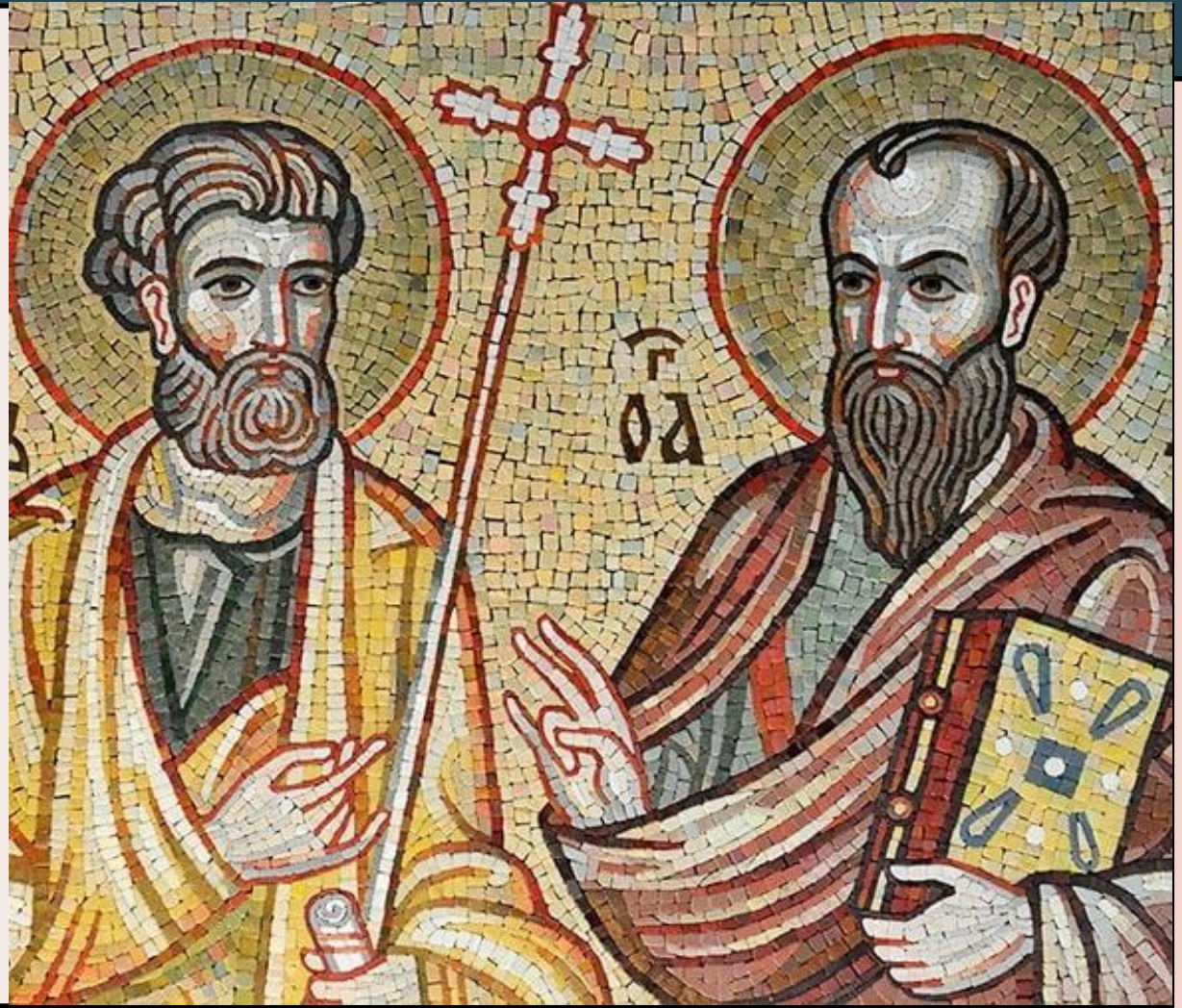
Luke 5:1-11 (ESV)

[1] On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, [2] and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. [3] Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. [4] And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." [5] And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." [6] And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. [7] They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. [8] But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [9] For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, [10] and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." [11] And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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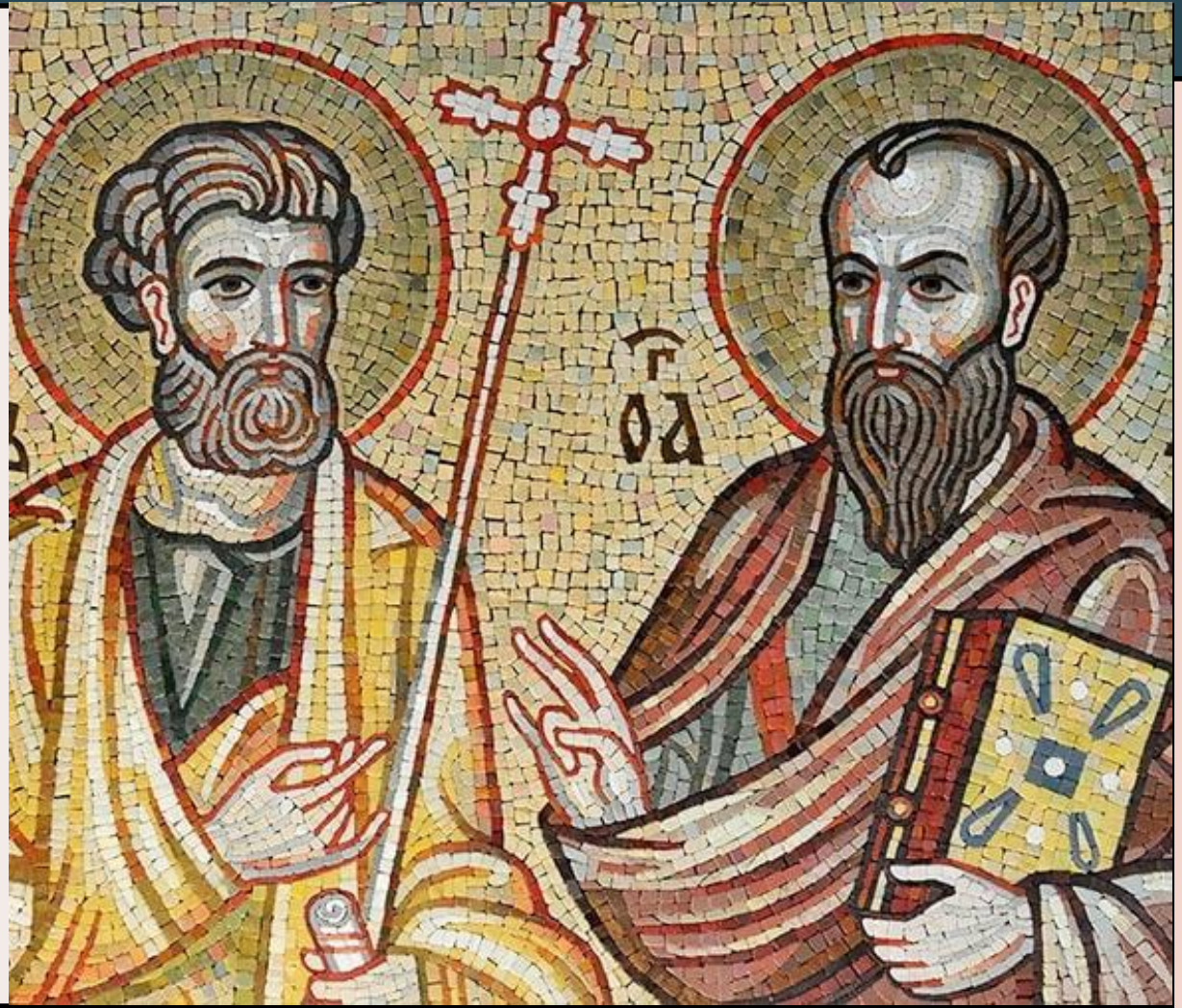
Interactive Prayer

First Sunday each month at
8:30am starting in Faith Hall

Prayer for IWs

Second Sunday each month
after the service in Faith Hall

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When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you can no longer live for yourself... you want to give your life away in service and sacrifice the same way Jesus Christ gave his life away.

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Application

(1)

Fall before
Jesus and
surrender your
life to Him

(2)

Renounce
everything
that is keeping
you from
following Jesus

(3)

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