Podcast Worksheet
Abandon Yourself to God: Peter's Story

Scriptural Text:
Matthew 14:28-31; 16:16; 26:33; Luke 5:1-11; 22:31-34; John 13:6-9

Main Points:

1. Fear is a wall, blocking us from going in the direction God wants for us.
2. Because God is actively working to grow our faith, he will take us through trials and scenarios to teach us how to trust him.
3. Pride is a mind and heart condition that believes we know better than God. Pride believes we don't need him, nor are we truly dependent upon him because we can handle things on our own.
4. God never requires that we understand why he is doing the things he does, but he does ask that we trust what he is doing is right and good.
5. Jesus will always help us. He wants to help us. We, however, must accept his help and not reject it.
6. Pride relies on its own abilities, strength, and wisdom. Humility relies on God.
7. It's only by God's grace that we succeed.
8. Every person seeking to follow God will encounter a crisis of the will (probably more than one!). God deliberately leads us here to teach us humility and dependence.
9. Our transformation process includes a lot of letting go, including letting go of our pride, fear, false beliefs, need for control, and need to be right.

Questions:

1. With what part of Peter's journey do you identify? Explain.

2. How has fear and pride hindered your ability to follow Jesus?

3. Do you have a sense of where God is taking you, of how he might want to use your life? Are you willing to go there with him? If not, do you know why? Is God asking you to let go of something?

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, I know I have not truly abandoned myself to you. My pride and fear hinder me all too often. Please continue your work in me to become the person you made me to be. I am willing to let go of these hard things with your help. Please work in my will and lead me toward humility. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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