**What is it about Jesus? His Patient Persistency**

Have you ever tried to help someone or did something that turned out for the worse even though you planned good?

Langford says, “It is a humbling thing to discover that your help is not helpful; your impulse impede more than assist; your suggestions subvert more than support. Was there anyone who struggled with this more than the disciple Peter? And it is in Jesus’ relationship with Peter that his patient persistency was so evident.

Persistency is defined as the quality or state of being persistent; staying or continuing quality. A synonym is tenacity.

**Read Matthew 16:13-19**

Who do the people of Jesus’ day think he is?

Do people of our day have misconceptions about Jesus? What are some misconceptions of today?

What is so important about Peter’s answer?

How do you think Peter felt at Jesus’ response to his answer?

**Read Matthew 16:21-23**

Why do you think Peter rebuked Jesus?

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Do you think Peter was trying to be helpful? How?

**Read John 13:3-9**

What did Peter tell Jesus? Why?

What did Jesus tell Peter?

Did Jesus wash Peter’s feet? How do you think Peter felt about that?

**Read John 13:33-38**

What did Peter tell Jesus?

What did Jesus tell Peter? How do you think that made Peter feel?

**Read John 18:8-11, and 18:26-27**

Do you think Peter thought he was helping Jesus?

What did Jesus tell Peter?

How do you think Peter felt when the rooster crowed?

Have you ever had a moment like that?

Did Jesus give up on Peter?

How has Jesus been patiently persistent with you?