

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS SOLEMNITY OF STS.PETER AND PAUL.

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Whenever we celebrate feast of any saints,the most challenging and satisfying factor is that,this was a person like you and me,he was in this world like you and me.He conquered the world and qualified to be counted among the saints,if he did it why not us?

Today we honour two great saints,apostles Peter and Paul.They were very human heros.Their **limitations and short comings are so much prounced in the scripture.**They manifested their humanity so much.We know Peter's shortcoming from the the gospel the **jerry like faith,sometimes too strong like todays gospel,great professing of faith he is manifesting and Jesus giving him special,office to be the Rock.**In him Jesus is establishing an office which goes beyond Peter and whose purpose is to affirm **touchstone of the apostolic faith.**other times we see him having doubt about Jesus if you are the one tell,me to come on the water.Jesus was positive in this and he invited him.Peter started sinking after loosing the faith in Jesus and concentrating on the waves but Jesus went for his rescue.How many times do we stop focusing **on Jesus in our doubts and strat focucingbonnother ditractive things?.**Christ is always available **to rescue us at all the moments.**We see Peter categorically during the trial of Jesus **denying Jesus not once,not twice BUT THREE TIMES!**Their eyes met and peter went out and wept,sign of repentance.

We all know Paul's limitations from his own letters.The aggressiveness he had **in persecuting the Christian,his conversion and the the aggressiveness** he had after

conversion. Meeting Christ will always make an impact in our life no doubt to that as we see from these two great persons. We have a lot to learn as followers of Christ the **human dimension of these two personalities as our models**. They were heroes not only to the early church but also **on going history of the present Christianity**. Their **pastoral leadership, missionary zeal and Doctrinal contributions** are the **foundations of Christian faith**. Both played a vital role in **shaping Christianity**. They **experienced Christ, loved him and laid down their lives for his cause**. Their **total commitment** will always remain a **total example** of Christians of **all times and all the places**.

We all have something of Peter and Paul, in ourselves, we are not perfect, we are human beings with limitations and shortcomings. We need to trust in Christ as they did and above all we are the **present day agents of the evangelization following the commitments of these two great men**. How are we doing it?