

FLYING WITHOUT EXCUSES



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Acts 10:34-35

³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. (NKJV)

³⁴⁻³⁵ Peter fairly exploded with his good news: “It’s God’s own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. (MSG)



	Peter	Paul
Ideal Candidate?	No	No
Who is he?	Fisherman, Average Joe, Not well educated (Matt 4:18-22, Acts 4:13)	Elite, very well educated, connected, Pharisee, hates Christians (Phil 3:5, Acts 9:1)
Encounter Jesus	Lifted up, believed in Matt 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11)	Literally Humbled (Acts 9)
Identity Built	Simon to Peter (Matt 16:18, Acts 2)	Saul to Paul (Acts 13:9, 1 Cor 15:9, Eph 3:8, 1 Tim 1:15)
Soared with God?	Yes	Yes

- Why would God use two people from opposite sides of society to be pillars in His church?
- Why would God use Kings and prostitutes?
- To show us this one thing:
- **We have no excuse!**
- Our qualification to fly with God has nothing to do with who we are, because He qualifies us.



- Possible excuses:

- I'm not good enough: He's good

Ps 119:68 You *are* good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

- I'm too sinful: He paid for it all

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- I'm not mature enough: Then grow

2 Pet 3:18 ... but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 2:2 ... as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,^[a]

- I'm not spiritual enough ...



- Rom 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

