

## DEALING WITH CRITICISM

The Life of Peter: From Fisherman to Follower of Jesus — Study # 20  
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### Text: Acts 11:1-18

#### The Story

1. Peter is \_\_\_\_\_ for his actions at Cornelius' house. (Acts 11:1-3)
2. Peter explains the \_\_\_\_\_ for his actions. (Acts 11:4-14)
  - Peter's actions were in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. (11:12)
3. Peter explains the \_\_\_\_\_ of his actions. (Acts 11:15-17)
  - God's actions \_\_\_\_\_ Peter's actions.
  - To refuse to accept Cornelius and his people would be to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
4. The critics \_\_\_\_\_ Peter's explanation. (Acts 11:18)

#### Application — When you are criticized:

1. Keep in mind that \_\_\_\_\_ is criticizing you.
2. Don't respond in \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 15:1)
3. Give a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ explanation; it can be very effective.
4. Ask yourself (and God) if there is any \_\_\_\_\_ in the criticism.
5. Work hard to maintain \_\_\_\_\_, even with critics.

#### Application — When you are tempted to criticize:

1. Keep in mind that things are not always as they \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Take your concerns to the people \_\_\_\_\_; don't grumble, complain or gossip.
3. Get all the \_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 18:17)
4. If your concern proves \_\_\_\_\_, be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ it and put the issue behind you.