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Still Standing



- We need to develop a "**Bounce Back Spirit**"

- **Peter**

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.*

**Matthew 16:13-17**

Acts 2:14-39 – **3000** people were saved in **one** day

Acts 3:3-8 – A **crippled beggar** was healed

Acts 4:8-12 – with great **boldness** he defended himself before the **Sanhedrin**

Acts 5:15 – People were healed as his **shadow** touched them

- Peter may be more **like** us than we **realize**

*"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."*

**Luke 22:31-34**

- I am willing to go to **prison** and even **death** with you

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in

the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.<sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**Luke 22:54-62**

- Peter denied the Lord out of **weakness** not out of **wickedness**
- We may never deny Him with our **words**, but what about our **lifestyle**
- Peter modeled a **heart** of **repentance**

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

**John 21:15-17**

- Our God is a God of **second chances**

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**Lamentations 3:22-23**

- The vast **majority** of Peter's ministry took place **after** he was **restored**

- A key component to developing a Bounce Back Spirit is having a **heart** that is quick to **repent** of **sin**.