

## **Messed Up!** The Peter Principle

**John 18:25-27** “Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.”

**Peter:**

**Not His Greatest Moment...**

**Matthew 26:75** “And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ***And he went out and wept bitterly.***”

**Misunderstood** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 4:19-20** “And he said to them, “***Follow me***, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

- **A simple call**
- **An immediate response**

**15 chapters later...**

- In response to Jesus’s teaching about how hard it is for a rich man

**Matthew 19:27** “Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”

**Misplaced** \_\_\_\_\_

**More committed than others**

**Mark 14:29** “Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.”

**John 13:36-38** “Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” 37 Peter said to him, “Lord,

why can I not follow you now? ***I will lay down my life for you.***” 38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.”

**Misguided** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 26:34-35** “Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” 35 Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.”

**When We Misunderstand the Mission of Jesus:**

- When Jesus Washed Feet

**John 13:8** “Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.”

**Peter:**

**Luke 22:33** “Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

- Defending Jesus with the sword in the garden

**\*The Denial of Christ Had to Happen**

**Hope Abandoned, Peter Returned to Fishing**

**John 21:3** “Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.”

**Mark 16:7** “But go, **tell his disciples and Peter** that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

**Restoration:**

**John 21:15-19** “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him,

“Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ***Follow me.***”