

Scolding Jesus
“Don’t Worry, I’m Strong Enough”
Matthew 26:31-75

Peter’s scolding of Jesus and denial of the Lord is often seen as a great tragedy, which it obviously was. But viewed in light of Peter’s repentance, and the Lord’s gracious forgiveness, the story also brings great encouragement. When a believer returns to Jesus, sin never wins.

1. Certainty of Spiritual Warfare

- **What Jesus Knows** (vv.31, 32)

- **What We Think** (vv.33-35)

2. Five Steps to Pride

- **Self-Confidence** (v.33)

- **Defiance** (v.35)

- **Prayerlessness** (vv.40-45)

- **Impulsiveness** (v.51)

- **Compromise** (v.58)

3. Three Steps to Collapse

- **Fear** (vv.69, 70)

- **Anger** (vv.71, 72)

- **Denial** (vv.73, 74)

4. One Step to Restoration (v.75; John 21:7)