



I. Laying Everything Down

Key Truth: Disciples can succumb to faithless pride.

II. Foretelling Peter’s Denial

Mark 14:26-31

v. 26-29

Prophecy and Promise

Point: We can succumb by denying God’s Word.

v. 30-31

Authoritative Correction

Point: We succumb by denying God’s authority.

III. Remembering the Promise

Mid-Week Devotional (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

As you begin this mid-week devotional, take a moment to revisit Mark 14:26-31. Note that when Peter denied God’s Word and His authority, he was doing so out of an over-confidence in his own faith. He thought he stood firm! But as we will see when we study Mark 14:66-72, Peter was quick to fall into the trap of denying Christ. Indeed, his faith was not as solid as he had believed.

We can avoid this kind of “faithless pride” by remembering *who we are* and *who Christ is*. In the spaces provided below, write four ways you have chosen to “deny” God’s Word and authority this week. Examples could include, “Not loving my neighbor well,” “Giving in to sinful anger,” etc. Be honest and specific.

- 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

Now consider four promises, actions, or attributes of Christ that convey his holiness and goodness. Examples include, “Christ has forgiven me,” “Jesus will never leave me,” etc. Again, be specific and try to think of Bible verses to back up what you’ve written.

- 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____

Take time this week to praise God for his faithfulness to you and consider what it would look like to practically turn away from your own “faithless pride.”