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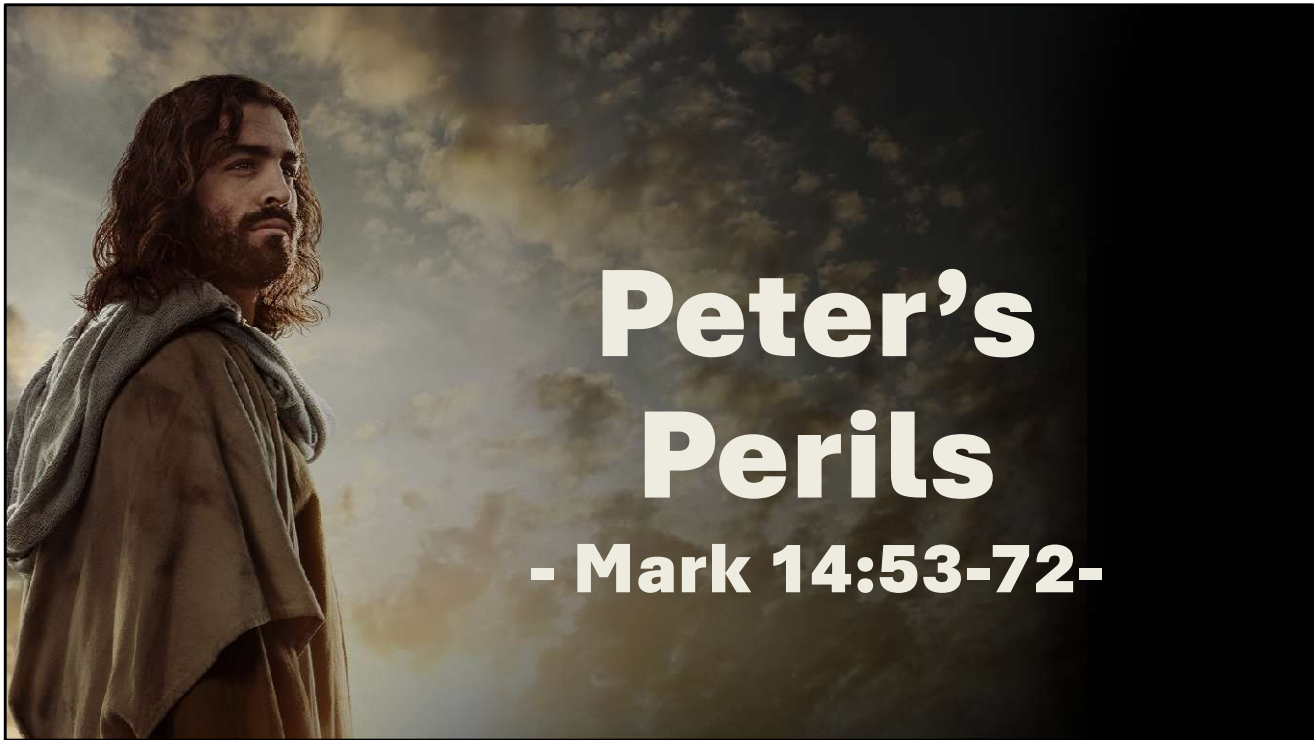
MEMORIAL DAY

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**The Messiah
We
Didn't
Expect**



Peter's Perils, Mark 14:53-72

In Mark 14, where do we leave off with Peter?

In scripture, how many times did Peter fail?

Peter made a 'bold' declaration [Mar 14:29](#) at the meal, now is denying his Lord after trying to fight off the arresting guards and falling asleep in the garden, and will later have a very uncomfortable talk with Jesus! What should this teach us? [Jhn 21:1](#)

Would you have thought Jesus would put Peter in charge, or even still count him an apostle, after all this?

Ever feel unworthy and ashamed of your poor testimony? How do you handle that?

Is there any significance to a Rooster as Jesus' instrument of warning?

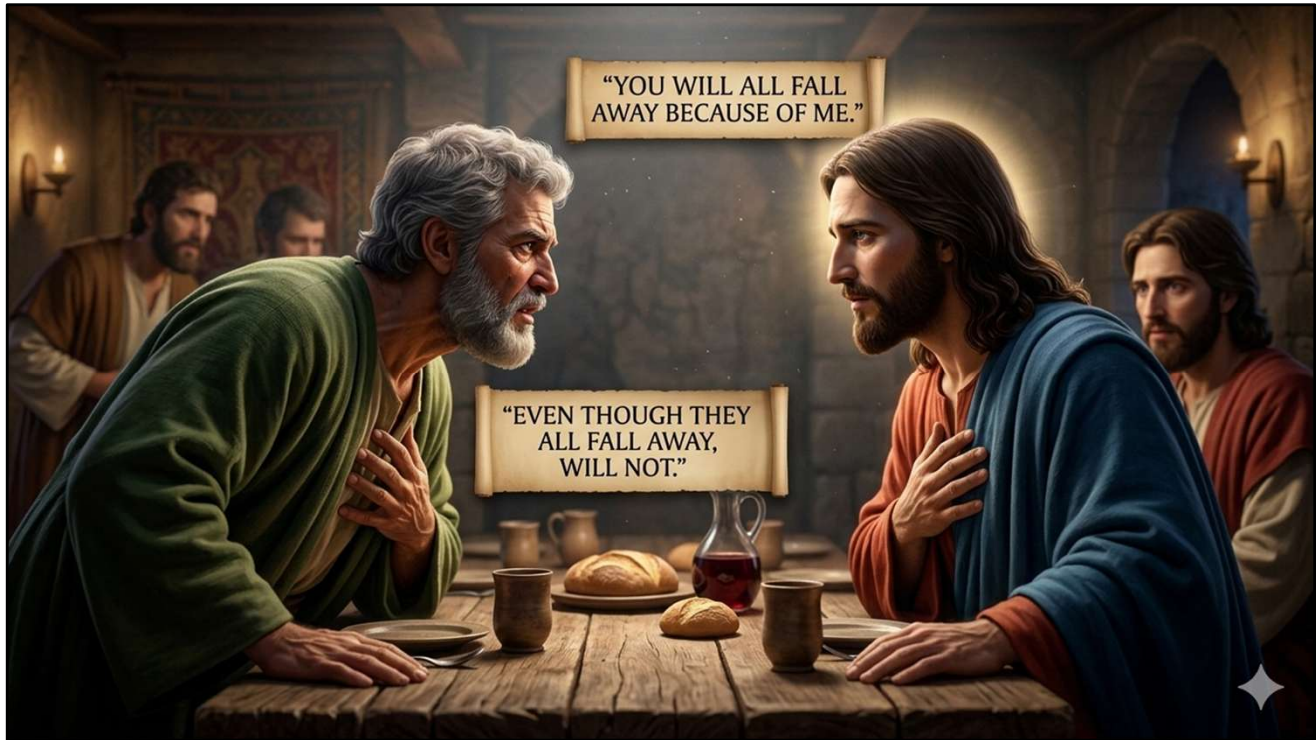
Peter was found warming himself at the fires of Jesus' oppressors, do you sit with the scorners or the wicked?

With so many examples of exemplary and often godly saints in the bible who sinned famously, How should we digest this?

Do we have any reason to believe Peter learned valuable lessons?

Jesus later asked [Jhn 21:15](#) "Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" What does this mean? What does it mean for us today?

Mar 14:66-72 And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. 69 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." 71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept."



[Mat 26:31, 33 ESV] 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ... 33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

[Mar 14:27, 29 ESV] 27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ... 29 Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."

- We don't truly believe we are as Bad as we are, to the core! Even as Jesus informs Peter!
- And we don't really believe God is as Good as He is, in terrible moments! OR He would've believed Jesus knew He was going to die and Rise again!
- We are so deceived by our own hearts, we haven't a clue as to the depth of our depravity:

[Deu 28:53-57 NKJV] 53 "You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. 54 "The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 "so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. 56 "The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to

the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, 57 "her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

“I Swear!”

- Mark 14:29 – Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” (Matthew 26:33)
- Luke 22:33 – Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”
- Matthew 26:35 – Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

Comparisons are dangerous and mostly wrong! 2Cor.10:12

1. I love you Jesus **MORE** than the other disciples do! Ill follow you no matter what! **Feelings, mine are the strongest!**
2. I'm willing to go to prison and or Death, suffer and Die. **actions**
3. I will **NOT** deny you! Even when faced with death! All the disciples said same! **words**

Did Peter in any of those statement's explicitly say He Loved Jesus Most? Yet Jesus asked him later “Do you LOVE me more than these?”

Jhn 21:15 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."

[2Co 10:12, 17-18 ESV] 12 Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding. ... 17 "**Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.**" 18 **For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.**

[Luk 5:8 ESV] 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me,

for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

[Mat 19:27 ESV] 27 Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"

Mt.26:33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." ...

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[All-4-One](#)

[I swear by the moon and the stars in the skies](#)

And I swear like the shadow that's by your side

I see the questions in your eyes

I know what's weighing on your mind

You can be sure I know my part

'Cause I stand beside you through the years

You'll only cry those happy tears

And though I make mistakes, I'll never break your heart

I'll be there (*I'll be there*)

For better or worse, 'til death do us part

I'll love you with every beat of my heart (*Beat of my heart*)

And I swear



SO Depraved...No one seeks God!

- Romans 3:10-12 – as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
- Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

Peter believed His own Heart (feelings) instead of Jesus'!

[Jer 17:1, 5, 7, 9-10, 14 ESV] 1 "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; with a point of diamond it is engraved on the tablet of their heart, and on the horns of their altars, ... 5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ... 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ... 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? 10 "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." ... 14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.

Nature/Nurture? We are born prideful, selfish lovers of US/pleasure! We are evil. Not blank slates!

[Jer 16:12 ESV] 12 and because you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, every one of you follows his stubborn, evil will, refusing to listen to me.

[Gen 6:5 ESV] 5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

[Pro 28:26 ESV] 26 Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be

delivered.

[Ecc 9:3 ESV] 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all. Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

[Mat 15:19 ESV] 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

[Jhn 3:18-19 ESV] 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

[Mar 7:21-22 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

[Heb 3:12 ESV] 12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God.

[Jas 1:14-15 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

[Luk 11:13 ESV] 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

[Pro 4:23 ESV] 23 Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

[1Sa 13:14 ESV] 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

[Act 13:22 ESV] 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

[Psa 51:10 ESV] 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within

me.

[Rev 2:2, 4 ESV] 2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ... 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

[Mar 12:30 ESV] 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

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- Mark 12:30 - ...love the Lord your God with all you heart...soul...mind...strength...





It's been wisely said!

If people were to accuse/arrest YOU of being a Christian, Would there be enough evidence to convict you?!!

But by the grace of God...

- Ephesians 2:9 – not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- 1 Corinthians 1:31 – so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord. (2 Corinthians 10:17)

We must NOT brag of our love for Him, But of His Love for us!! Remember John the Disciple Whom Jesus Loved! Jn.21

Because our love for Him is not that impressive, even among the most devout saint, and His Love for us is extravagantly unspeakable! There are No words!

The Higher a man is in grace, the lower He will be in his own esteem! - Spurgeon

[1Co 1:26-31 ESV] 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; **28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

[2Co 10:17 ESV] 17 **"Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."**

[Gal 6:14 ESV] 14 **But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by**

which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

[Jer 9:23 ESV] 23 Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches,

[Rom 3:19, 27 ESV] 19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ... 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

[Eph 2:9 ESV] 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

[Jhn 6:44, 65-68 ESV] 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ... 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

[Phl 3:3 ESV] 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh--

But by the grace of God...

- 1 Corinthians 15:10 – But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.





Peter's ups and downs

- 5 times Jesus chided his disciples for little faith – Matthew 1:30, 8:26, 14:31, 16:8, 17:20; Luke 12:28
- He walked on the water/doubted/little faith (Matthew 14:32)
- Peter's great confession/Rebuke/Satan! (Matthew 16)

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- He could not keep his eyes open/Sword Sheathed (John 18)
- He fled/denied Jesus & cross, Crucified upside down!



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“3”s again

- Jesus: Going to Die! 3x (Mark 8:31, 9:31-34, 10:32-34)
- Jesus: Watch and Pray! (Matthew 26:38, 41, 44)
- Peter’s 3 foibles: (John 13:6-9 (feet), 21-16 (traitor), 36-38 (Die!))
- Peter: Deny’s the Lord “you will deny me three times.”
- Peter: “Do you Love me” 3x! (John 21:15, 16, 17)

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[Mat 26:38, 41, 44 ESV] 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and **watch with me.**" ... 41 **Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.** The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ... 44 So, leaving them again, he went away and **prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.**

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[Jhn 13:21-26 ESV] 21 After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." 22 The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. 23 One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, 24 so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. 25 So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

“SIMON, SIMON, SATAN HAS ASKED TO SIFT YOU LIKE WHEAT”

LUKE 22:31–32

WHAT “SIFT YOU LIKE WHEAT” MEANS:



SEVERE TESTING
Satan asked to test Peter’s faith with intense pressure & trials.



SHAKEN & EXPOSED
Like wheat is shaken, Peter’s fear & weakness would be revealed.



SEPARATION OF WHAT’S REAL
Sifting separates wheat from chaff—trials reveal true faith.



ATTEMPT TO BREAK HIM
Satan’s goal was to cause Peter to completely fail.

BUT JESUS PRAYED:

“But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail...”

LUKE 22:32

- ✓ Peter would be shaken, but **NOT destroyed**
- ✓ His faith would be tested, but **NOT lost**
- ✓ Jesus intercedes so we can **stand firm**

THE OUTCOME: SHAKEN, BUT RESTORED

1



PETER DENIES JESUS 3 TIMES
LUKE 22:54–62

2



PETER WEPT BITTERLY
LUKE 22:62

3



JESUS RESTORES PETER (3x)
JOHN 21:15–17

4



PETER BECOMES A LEADER OF THE CHURCH
ACTS 2:14–41

“You’re going to be tested hard—shaken, exposed, and challenged—but not destroyed if your faith holds.”



[Luk 22:31-34 ESV] 31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

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- “You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.” But he denied it.
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Lk.22:54 Peter was following at a distance.

Jhn 18:15-18 ESV - 15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

Jhn 18:25-27 ESV - 25 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.



Imagine the moment their eyes met, as Peter denied Him again

Notice Jesus' focus is on Peter, not Himself!

Brute beasts obey God better than us!

- Noah's Dove and the olive leaf (Genesis 8:6-12)
- Moses' Staff/Serpent (Exodus 7:10-13)
- Balaam's Donkey (Numbers 22:22-33)
- Elijah's Ravens (1 Kings 17:3-7)



Jonahs fish

Daniels Lions

Jesus' Donkey, on which no one ever sat!

[Pro 30:29, 31 ESV] 29 Three things are stately in their tread; four are stately in their stride: ... 31 the strutting rooster, the he-goat, and a king whose army is with him.

[Mar 13:35 ESV] 35 Therefore stay awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—

Roosters are most famous for their iconic wakeup calls, They establish a strict pecking order,

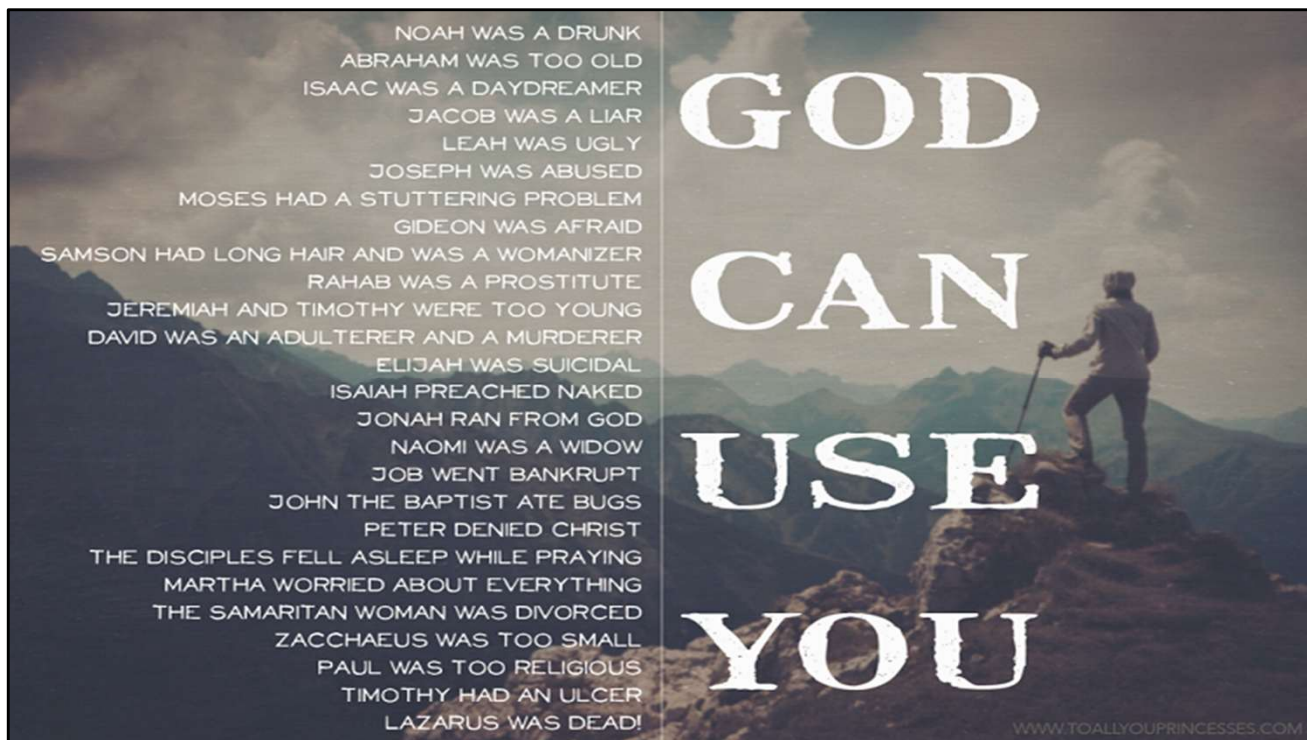
[Num 22:22-24, 27-33 ESV] 22 But God's anger was kindled because he went, and the angel of the LORD took his stand in the way as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the donkey saw the angel of the LORD standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand. And the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road. 24 Then the angel of the LORD stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. ... 27 When the donkey saw the angel of the LORD, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. 28 Then the LORD opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" 29 And Balaam said to the donkey,

"Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you." 30 And the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No." 31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face. 32 And the angel of the LORD said to him, "**Why have you struck your donkey these three times?** Behold, I have come out to oppose you because your way is perverse before me. 33 The donkey saw me and turned aside before me these three times. If she had not turned aside from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let her live."

Brute beasts obey God better than us!

- Elisha's She bears (2 Kings 2:24)
- Peter's Rooster – Stunning Roosters Crow!
(Proverbs 30:31)





Noah was a Drunk

Abraham was too old and gave away his wife twice!

Isaac was a daydreamer

Jacob was a liar

Leah was homely

Jospeh was abused

Moses had a stuttering problem (Public speaking)

Gideon was afraid and made an idol

Samson had long hair and was a promiscuous fornicator

Rahab was a prostitute

Jeremiah and Timothy were too young

David was an adulterer and a murderer

Elijah was depressed

Isaiah preached with his butt hanging out

Jonah ran from God and smelled

Naomi was a Widow (bitter)

Job went bankrupt

John the Baptist ate bugs (locusts)

Peter denied his Savior!

The disciples slept when Jesus agonized in prayer

Martha worried way too much

The Samaritan woman had 5 husbands and an illegitimate lover

Zacheus was too small, and a colluder

Paul persecuted the church, killing disciples

Timothy had stomach problems


Lazarus was Dead

Miriam was a gossip

Thomas was a doubter

Sara was impatient, a manipulator

What Did Peter learn?

- for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials...tested genuineness of your faith...
 - predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories
 - preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded...not former passions/ignorance
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[1Pe 1:5-9 ESV] 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

[1Pe 4:12 ESV] 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

[1Pe 1:11 ESV] 11 inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories.

[1Pe 1:13-14 ESV] 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

[1Pe 4:1-2 ESV] 1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.



We learn best what we learn hardest

- 1 Peter 2:11 – Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- 1 Peter 5:6 – Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God ...

[1Pe 2:12 ESV] 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

[1Pe 2:21-25 ESV] 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

We learn best what we learn hardest

- 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.





Pride goes before a Fall

[Pro 16:18 ESV] 18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

[Pro 11:2 ESV] 2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

[Oba 1:3 ESV] 3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rock, in your lofty dwelling, who say in your heart, "Who will bring me down to the ground?"

Boast!! In His Grace! Past/Present/Future

- Have been Saved – Ephesians 2:8-9 – For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Being Saved – 1 Corinthians 1:18 - ...the cross...to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Salvation, then, has three aspects:

- **Past: We have been saved from the penalty of sin. We have been justified.**
- **Present: We are being saved from the power of sin. We are being sanctified.**
- **Future: We will be saved from the presence of sin. We will be glorified.**

[Eph 2:8-10 ESV] 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

[2Ti 1:9 ESV] 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

[1Co 6:11 ESV] 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

[Tit 3:5 ESV] 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

[Tit 2:11 ESV] 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

[1Co 1:18 ESV] 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

[1Co 15:2 ESV] 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

[2Co 2:15 ESV] 15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing,

[Phl 2:12-13 ESV] 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

[2Pe 1:10 ESV] 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

[1Jo 1:7 ESV] 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

[Rom 5:9-10 ESV] 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

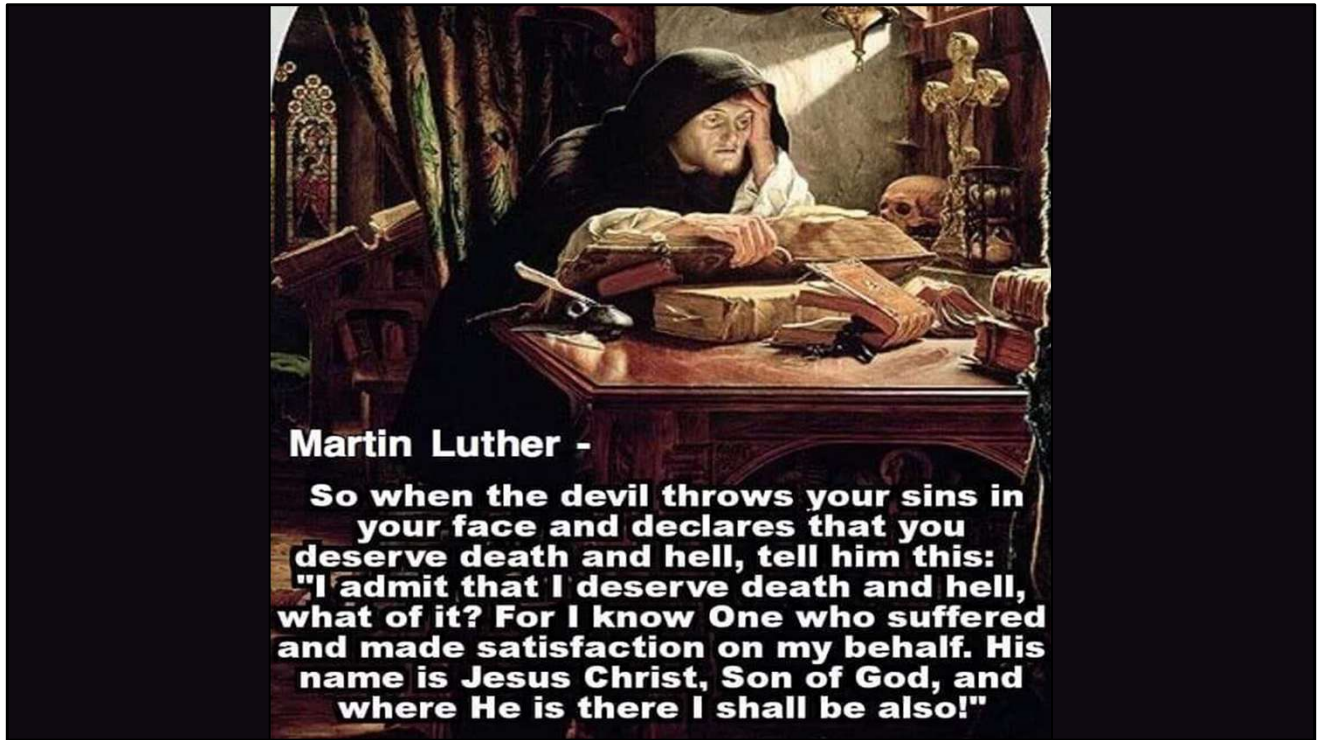
[Rom 13:11 ESV] 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

[Eph 1:14 ESV] 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Boast!! In His Grace! Past/Present/Future

- Will be saved! – Romans 5:9 – much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God





Martin Luther -

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Martin Luther Quote - When The Devil Throws Your Sins In Your Face....

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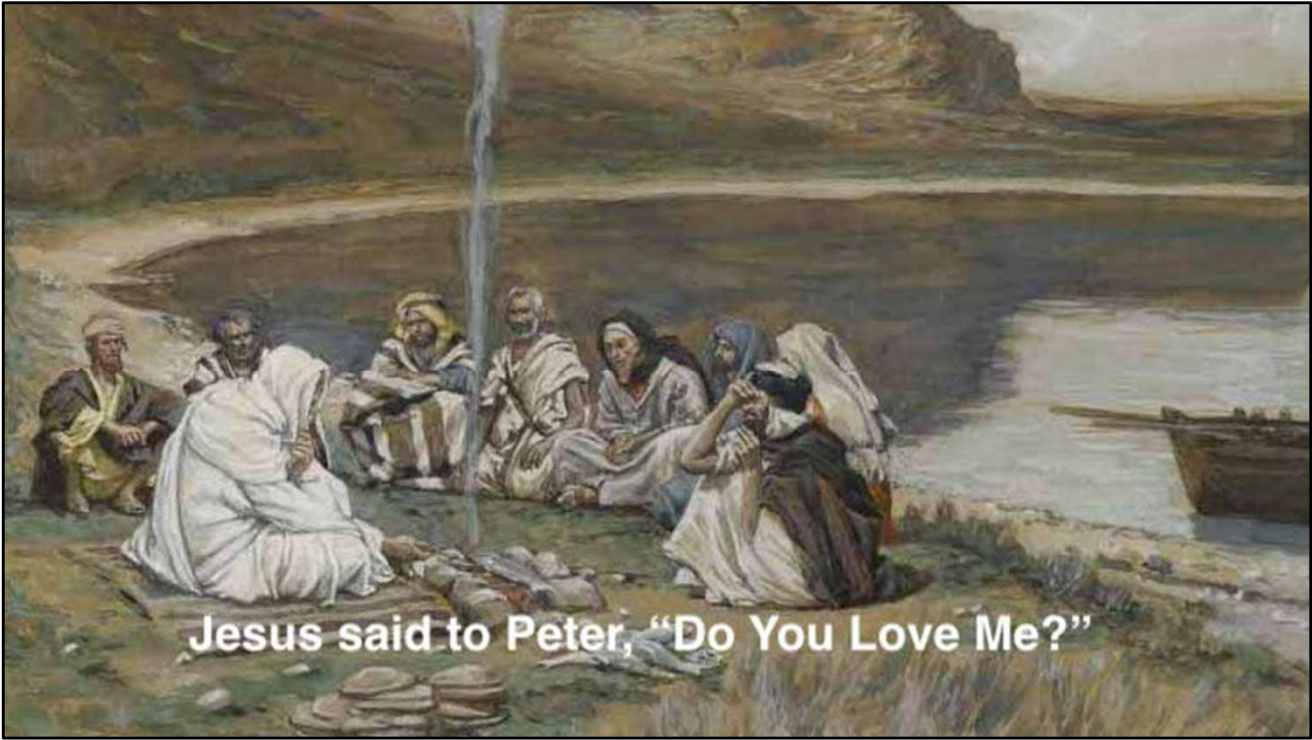
- Jesus had seen Peter a few times already, why now?
- Was Jesus being cruel? Or Kind!
- We need to confess sin and learn from it!
- We must be sober minded, celebrate His love for us!

1. Don't trust your heart, Trust His!
2. Humble yourself, especially in our understanding of His will! Peter's poor theology (kingdom now) created a disillusionment
3. Take Jesus at His word, Don't try to impress him with yours! Our words mean little/nothing
4. Peter tried to prove his love for Christ in his own strength! **Swears and swords and swears. For Jesus it was prayers and crosses and quiet submission!**

Just a little talk with Jesus!

- Luke 5:8 – But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." (when Jesus 1st called him)





Jesus said to Peter, "Do You Love Me?"

Jesus

Peter

First Time (John 21:15)

“Simon, son of John, do you love
(**agapaō**) me more than these?”



“Yes, Lord, you know that I love
(**philēō**) you.”

Second Time (John 21:16)

“Simon, son of John, do you love
(**agapaō**) me?”



“Yes, Lord, you know that I love
(**philēō**) you.”

Third Time (John 21:17)

“Simon, son of John, do you love
(**philēō**) me?”



“Lord, you know everything; you
know that I love (**philēō**) you.”

ἀγαπάω agapaō, to love in a social or moral sense

φιλέω philēō, have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling); while agapaō is wider, embracing the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety; the former being chiefly of the heart and the latter of the head

From: Strong, James. The New Strong's Dictionary of Hebrew and Greek Words 1996: n. pag. Print.



[Rev 12:10-11 ESV] 10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. 11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.


[1Jo 2:1-2 ESV] 1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Christ Our Advocate

1 John 2:1-6

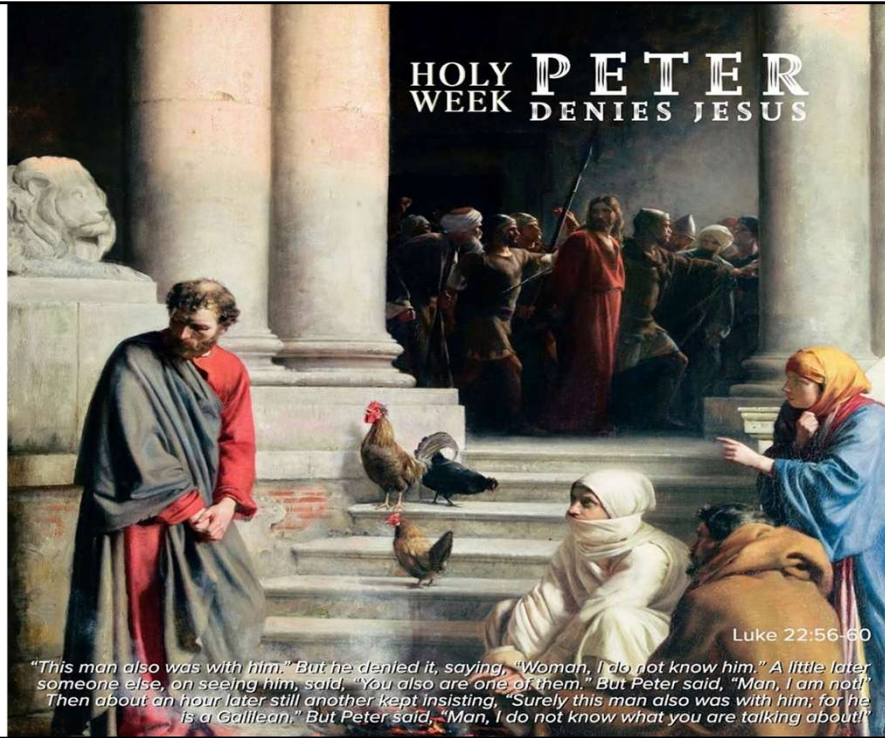


You Feel Like You Failed...
But Redemption Is Possible



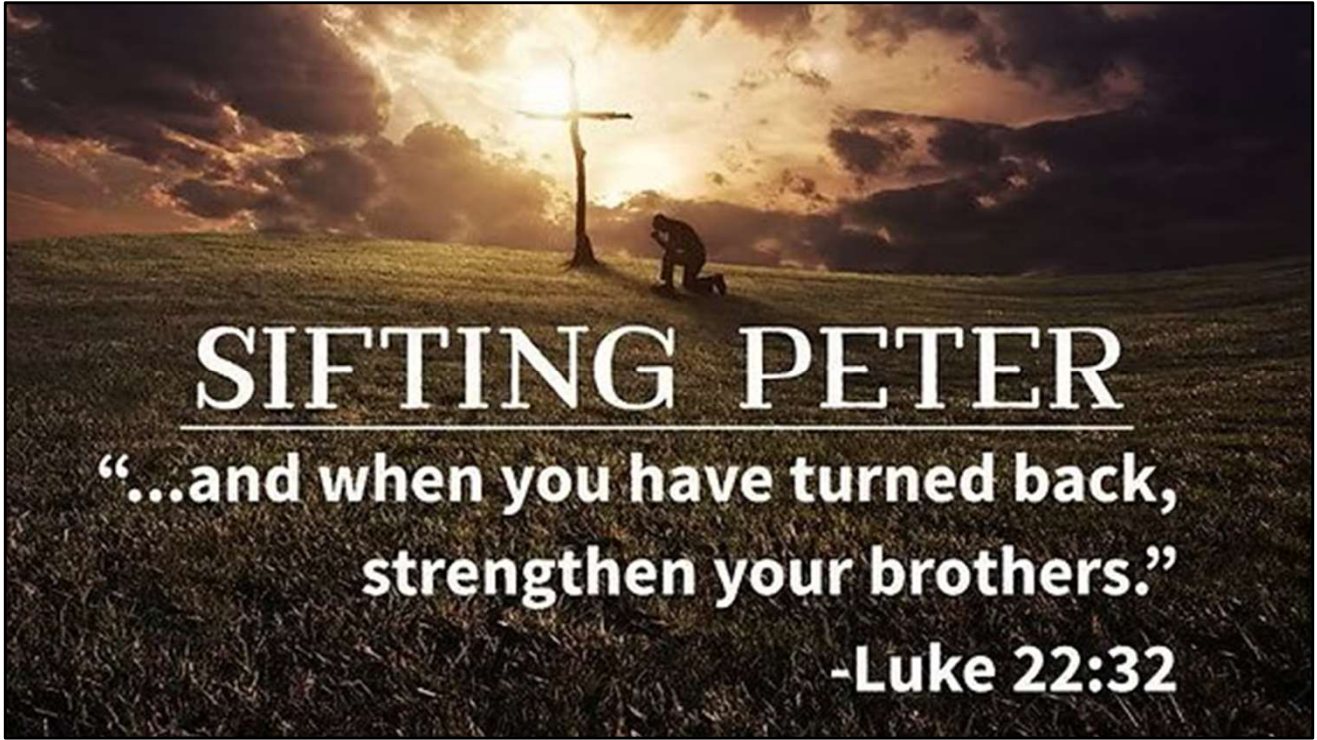
Failure is not final
when grace is present.

HOLY WEEK
PETER DENIES JESUS



Luke 22:56-60

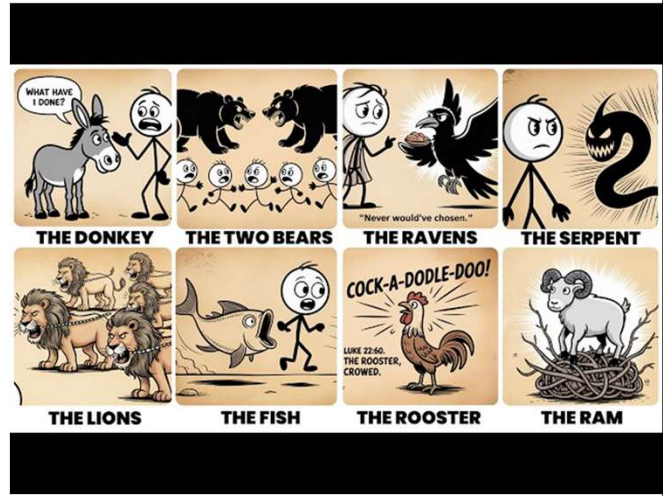
"This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!"



SIFTING PETER

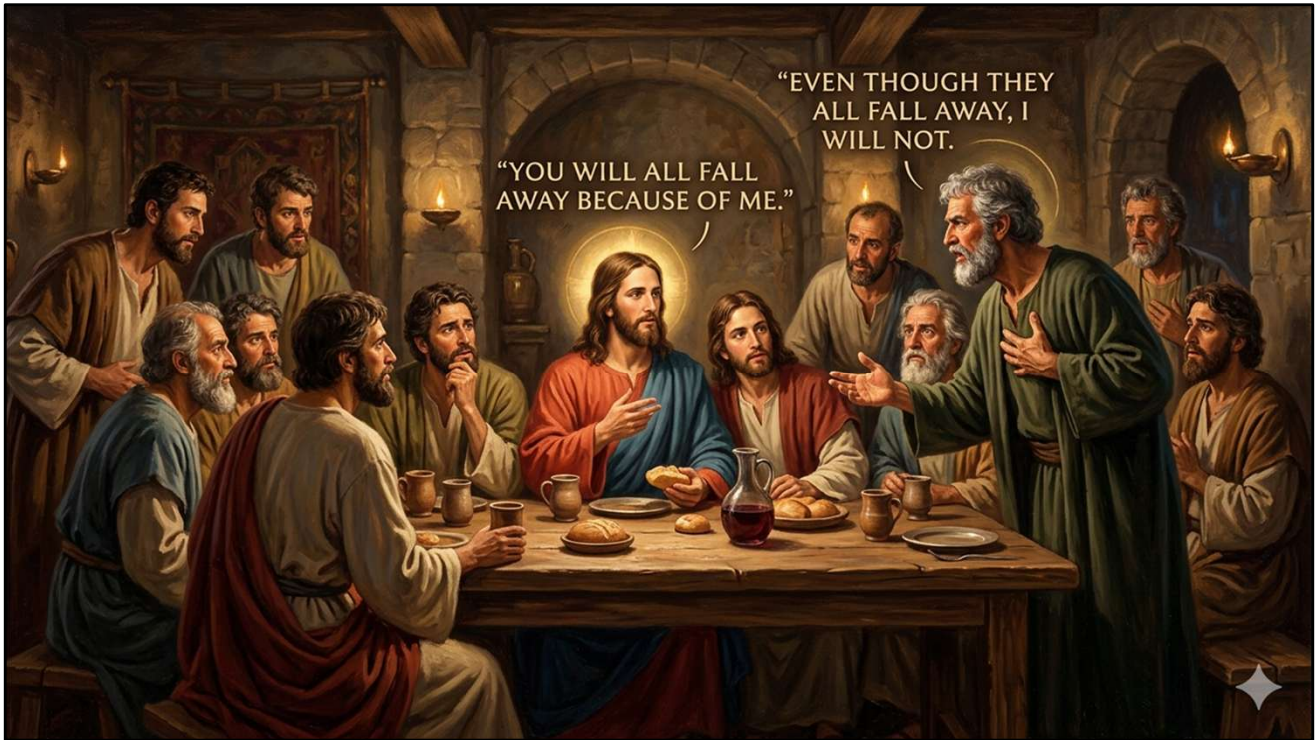
**“...and when you have turned back,
strengthen your brothers.”**

-Luke 22:32







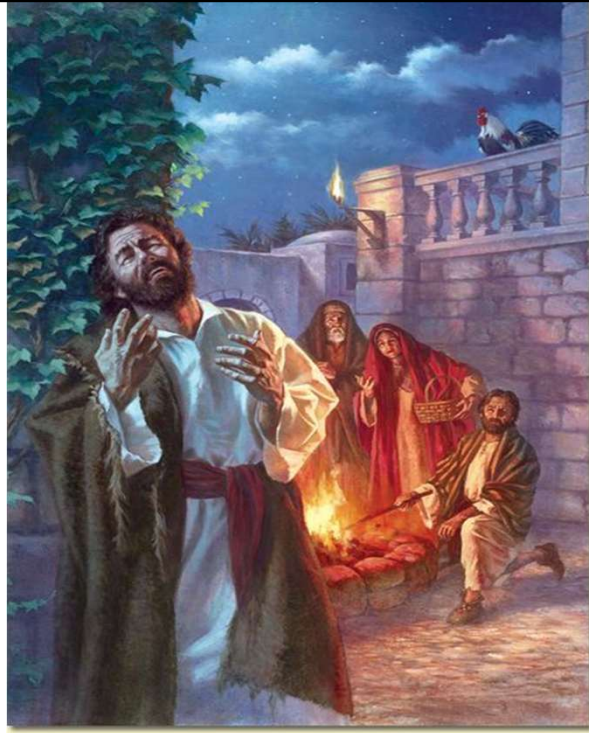


[Mat 26:31, 33 ESV] 31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ... 33 Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

[Mar 14:27, 29 ESV] 27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ... 29 Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."

We are so deceived by our own hearts, we haven't a clue as to the depth of our depravity:

[Deu 28:53-57 NKJV] 53 "You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you. 54 "The sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind, 55 "so that he will not give any of them the flesh of his children whom he will eat, because he has nothing left in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates. 56 "The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and her daughter, 57 "her placenta which comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of everything in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you at all your gates.

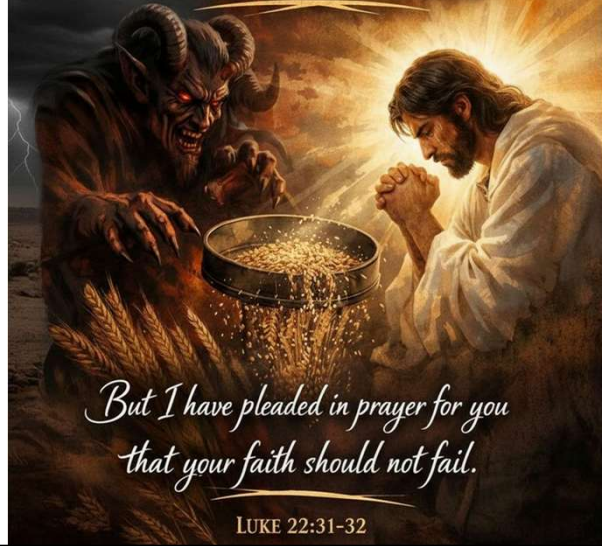


**PETER WEPT NOT BECAUSE HE
FAILED, BUT BECAUSE JESUS
STILL LOOKED AT HIM.**



Reynold

Satan has asked
to have you,
to sift you like wheat.



*But I have pleaded in prayer for you
that your faith should not fail.*

LUKE 22:31-32

Jacob was a cheater, **Peter** had a temper
David had an affair, **Noah** got drunk,
Jonah run from God, **Paul** was a murderer
Gideon was insecure, **Miriam** was a gossiper,
Martha was a worrier, **Thomas** was a doubter,
Sarah was impatient, **Elijah** was depressed,
Moses stuttered, **Zaccheus** was short,
Abraham was old, and **Lazarus** was dead.

**GOD DOESN'T CALL THE QUALIFIED,
HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED.**

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THE LESSON I LEARNED FROM **PETER**

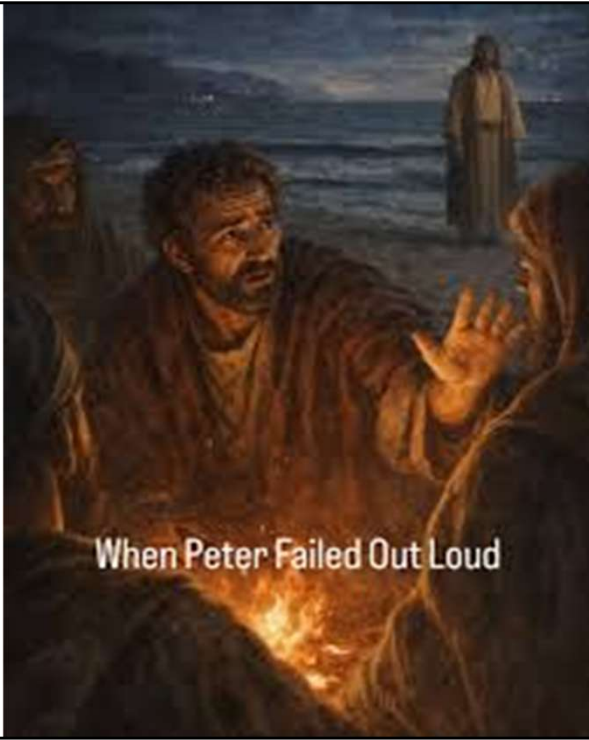
Peter Promised He Would Never Fall.

*But before sunrise...
he denied Jesus three times.*

*His greatest failure happened
just hours after his boldest promise.*

Yet Jesus Did Not Replace Him.





When Peter Failed Out Loud

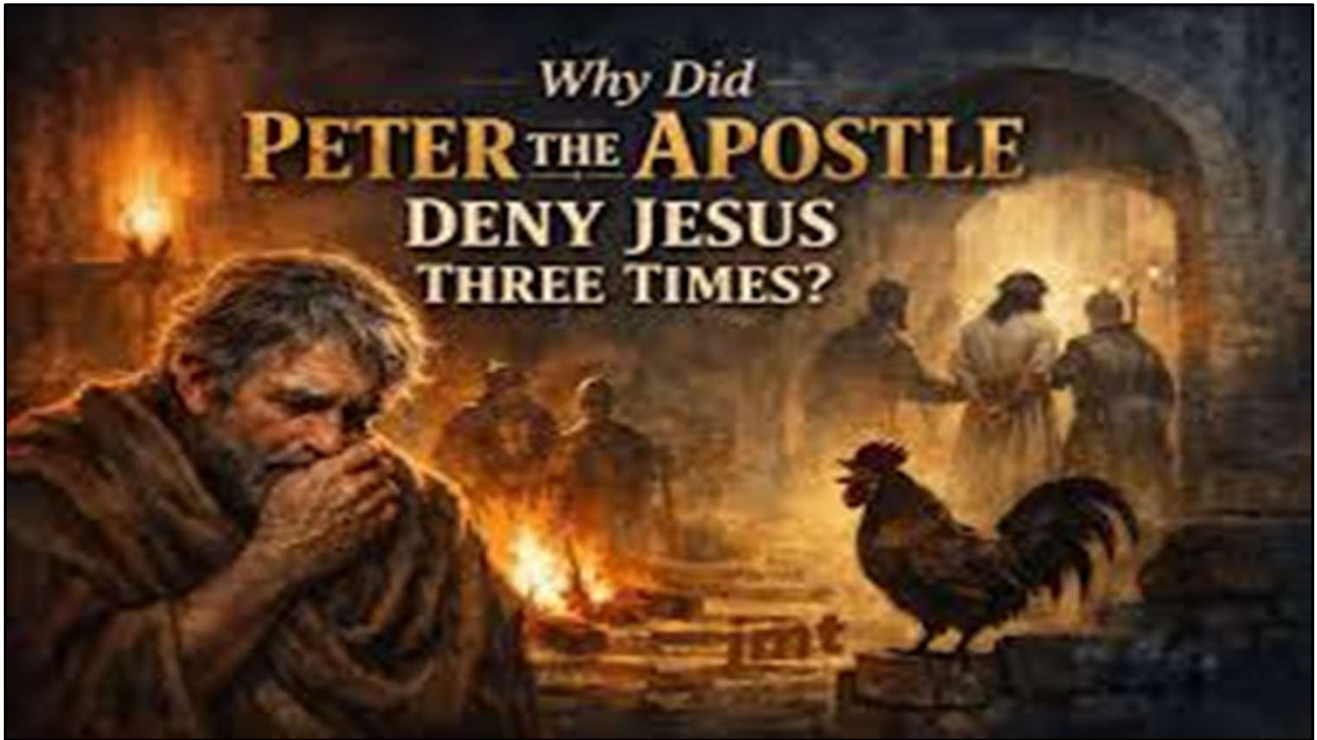
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**3 times Jesus
asked Peter**
*“lovest thou me
more than these?”*

John 21:15,16,17

Why Did
PETER THE APOSTLE
DENY JESUS
THREE TIMES?



**THEY CHOSE A SINNER...
AND REJECTED THE SAVIOR.**



**BARABBAS WAS GUILTY.
JESUS WAS WITHOUT FAULT.
YET THE CROWD CRIED LOUDER FOR THE GUILTY...
AND DELIVERED THE JUST TO BE CONDEMNED.**

— LUKE 23:19 (NIV) —
"TAKE THEM BACK, AND
RELEASE UNTO US BARABBAS"



— LUKE 23:18 (NIV) —
"BUT THEY CRIED THE LOUDER, SAYING,
'WE WANT BARABBAS RELEASED,
AND THE ONE WHO IS CALLED JESUS
WE WANT HIM RELEASED!'"

**THE SAME CHOICE STILL STANDS TODAY—
WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?**



LUKE 22:60-62 (GNB)

Peter insisted he didn't know Jesus. At that moment, a rooster crowed. Jesus turned and straight at Peter. Suddenly, Peter remembered Jesus saying, "Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me." Peter went out and wept bitterly.

