

Lessons from Peter

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Mark 14:27-31:66-72

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Peter the Disciple

- Peter is easy to identify with – faults are on display
- Called by Jesus: Mt 4:18-19
- Peter had bold belief: Mk 8:29
- Peter knew Jesus was the answer: Jn 6:68-69

Disciples of Jesus will have their faith tested

- Disciples will be tested in this fallen world: Jn 15:20
- We need armor of God to withstand in 'evil day' Eph 6:13
- Jesus faced it^{Mk1:12}; Job faced it^{Jb1:13-19}. David faced it^{2Sam11}
- God tries those whom He loves^{Is1:25;Ezk22:18;Heb12:6;Ps94:12;119:67}
- Never forget believers are in union with Christ^{Rm6:5;8:18;Gal4:7}
- Believers still struggle with sin^{Rm7:19}
- Believers must walk by Spirit^{Gal5:17} not self-will

Look to Jesus, Don't depend upon self in temptation

- Peter was overconfident^{Mk14:31} "I will not deny you"^{Phil2:12}
- Take advantage of God's Grace
- Believers do fall (Noah drunk; Abraham lie; David adultery)
- Peter learned, taught solution - look to God^{2Pet1:3}

Know HOW temptation comes

- Temptation doesn't give us a warning. Be careful when:
 - **Hungry** – weak, wanting...
 - **Angry** - emotional, not in control Eph 4:26-27
 - **Lonely** - feeling abandoned Heb 13:5
 - **Tired** - when we are physically or emotionally tired...
- Peter was probably tired, lonely, angry... denied Jesus!
- Peter was serious in His denial^{Mk14:71}

We each have a weak point - our besetting sin

- Heb 12:1-2 – beware of your besetting sin
- Peter's was FEAR - of others, of men...
- Jesus called Peter & told him to not be afraid^{Lk5:10}
- What is your besetting sin? Ask others! Know it!

So What? Never, ever forget God's mercy to you!

- Peter was broken after he sinned^{Mk14:72;Lk22:61}
- Difference between Peter & Judas was REPENTANCE!
- Peter repented, was broken - Jesus restores
- Peter went on to boldness for Jesus^{Act 2:14;4:8-12}
- Remember you have a God of Grace whose mercy is bigger than your sin - Run to Him!

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