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Worship Service
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Journey to the Cross

Lesson Three • Luke 22:31-62

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Peter's failure to stand firm is a WARNING about misplaced confidence in self rather than Jesus Christ.

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12

Two-Act Drama of Peter's Fall and Return

Act I: Peter Pridefully FALLS in His Own Strength!

The Lord's Prediction

- Jesus WARNED Peter that Satan desired to destroy him and that he would deny Him (v. 31-34). Mt. 26:31
- Peter DENIED Jesus publicly, emphatically, and repeatedly (v. 54-60).

What Led to Peter's Fall?

- In the upper room, Peter BOASTED too strongly (v. 33).
- In the garden, Peter PRAYED too sparingly (v. 39-40, 46).
- In the courtyard, Peter FOLLOWED too discretely (v. 54-55).

Act II: Peter Humbly RETURNS in the Lord's Strength!

The Rooster's Crow

- Peter REMEMBERED Jesus' words after the rooster's crow and the Lord's look (v. 60-61).
- Peter REPENTED of his sin, weeping bitterly over his sin (v. 62).
- Peter RETURNED to the Lord after being delivered from Satan's sifting (v. 32).

Hope for the Fallen

Although Peter fell into SIN, he did not fall away from the FAITH.

Why We Have Hope Our Faith Will Not Fail

- ❖ We are preserved by the PRAYER of Jesus: Satan wants to destroy you, but Jesus is praying for you that your faith will not fail (v. 31-32).
- ❖ We are protected by the ARMOR of God: You are in a spiritual battle, but you are equipped to stand against the schemes of Satan (v. 36).