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John 21:1-19

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Matthew 26:31-35

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

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.’ 32 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”



33 But Peter replied to Him, “*Even* if they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away!” 34 Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this *very* night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” 35 Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” All the disciples said the same thing as well.



Proverbs 16:18

**18 Pride goes before disaster and a
haughty spirit goes before a fall.**



**"Pride is the ground in which the
other sins grow,
and it is the complete
anti-God state of mind." —
Flowing Faith**



"Pride is not a Bethel – that is, a house where God dwells; but a Babel – that is, a stinking dungeon in which Satan abides." — Grace Quotes



Jeremiah 9:23

Thus says the Lord:

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his wealth.



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John 18:15



Peter's First Denial

¹⁵ Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,¹⁶ but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.



17 Then the slave woman who was the doorkeeper said to Peter, “You are not also *one* of this Man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18 Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.



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Matthew 26:71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another slave woman saw him and said to those who were there, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” **72** And again he denied it, with an oath: “I do not know the man.”



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Peter's Third Denial

John 18:26 One of the slaves of the high priest, who was related to the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” 27 Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.



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Matthew 26:73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “You really are one of them as well, since even the way you talk gives you away.” **74** Then he began to curse and swear, “I do not know the Man!” And immediately a rooster crowed. **75** And Peter remembered the statement that Jesus had made: “Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.





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The Restoration of Peter

21 After these things Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed *Himself* in this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas who was called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together.



³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We are also coming with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.



Peter Returned to What He Knew



**4 But when the day was now breaking,
Jesus stood on the beach; yet the
disciples did not know that it was
Jesus.**



**The shepherd came
looking for the lost sheep**



6 And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find the fish.” So they cast it, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great quantity of fish.



7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved *said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea.



**Peter had to come
to the shore**



8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits away, dragging the net full of fish.



9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire already made and fish placed on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” 11 So Simon Peter went up and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.



Jesus Provides



12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples ventured to inquire of Him, “Who are You?” knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.



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15 Now 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, “Tend My lambs.”



16 He said to him again, a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”



17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?”

Peter was hurt because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.”



**Peter denied Jesus 3 times.
Jesus leads Peter to affirm his
love 3 times.**



1⁸ Truly, truly I tell you, when you were younger, you used to put on your belt and walk wherever you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will put your belt on you, and bring *you* where you do not want *to go*.”¹⁹ Now He said this, indicating by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had said this, He said to him, “Follow Me!”



**Peter's confidence was
no longer rooted
in self-assurance,
it was rooted in grace.**



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**The shepherd didn't just
bring Peter back to the flock,
He brough Peter back to
Himself.**



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