

The Touch of the Master's Hand - A Man Called Peter
“Hope for the Fallen”

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1 John 1:7-9

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Introduction:

- A. Betrayal - Illustration of George Washington and _____.
- B. Like Washington, Jesus felt the sting and sorrow of _____ and _____ betrayals, but unlike Washington, Jesus knew they would happen and had _____ their occurrence.
- C. Let's focus on how this happened in Peter's life and how he was able to come back _____ after his _____.

I. The Story

- A. First bombshell: Jesus predicted that one of the disciples would _____ him.
- B. Second bombshell: Jesus predicted that all the disciples would _____ him (Matthew 26:30-35).
- C. Peter boasted that the other disciples might desert him, but he _____ would.
- D. Jesus made it clear that all the disciples would abandon him, but that Peter would _____ him (Luke 22:31-34).
- E. After those bombshells, Jesus took them to the Garden of Gethsemane and while they _____, he _____.
- F. When the mob came with Judas to arrest Jesus, _____ took a sword and cut off the ear of a servant of the High Priest, but Jesus healed the man (Luke 22:47-51).
- G. The soldiers arrested Jesus and all the disciples _____.
- H. _____ and _____ followed the mob to the home of the High Priest, and it was there that Peter _____ knowing Jesus (Luke 22:54-62).
- I. After Peter realized what he had done, he went out and _____.

II. The Application

- A. One important thing we learn from what Peter did and then what happened to him is that there is always _____, even when we have _____ it, because God loves us and forgives us.
- B. We could boil the lessons learned from Peter down to these: Peter _____ too much (not appreciating his own weaknesses), he _____ too little, he _____ too quickly, followed too _____ from Jesus, and _____ too little and late about what he was doing.
- C. One of the ironies of this story is that Peter denied Christ to a _____ girl, and another _____ of the High Priest.
- D. One of the most encouraging things we learn from Peter is that no matter how many times he _____, Peter always got back up – Peter never _____.
- E. Peter allowed God to do a work of _____ in his life, such that his guilt was turned into grace, his shame turned into sympathy, and his failure was turned into faithfulness.

Answer Key: Intro.A. Benedict, Arnold. B. Judas', Peter's, predicted. C. stronger, fall. I.A. betray. I.B. desert. I.C. never. I.D. deny. I.E. slept, prayed. I.F. Peter. I.G. fled. I.H. Peter, John, denied. I.I. wept, bitterly. II.A. hope, blown. II.B. boasted, prayed, acted, far, thought. II.C. servant, servant. II.D. fell, quit. II.E. restoration.