

The Touch of the Master's Hand - A Man Called Peter
“The Devil in Blue Jeans”

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2 Corinthians 11:13-15

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Introduction:

- A. The moral of the opening story is: the _____ can use anyone to lead someone into _____ - he can even act through a _____.
- B. In today's story, we will see Peter _____ Jesus, and then we will see Jesus _____ Peter.
- C. It is surprising that Peter would need to be _____ right after he was _____.

I. The Story

- A. Our challenge in feeling what the disciples must have felt in response to this announcement of Jesus is that this is _____ to us.
 - 1. The thought that their Master and Teacher would be _____ in Jerusalem hit them like a punch in the stomach!
- B. Peter did what we generally do when we think someone we love is talking “_____ talk,” he pulled Jesus aside so that he could set Him _____.
- C. Why did Peter do it?
 - 1. Because he _____ Jesus.
 - 2. Because he did not _____ God's _____.
 - 3. Because he thought he knew _____ better than Jesus did.
 - 4. Because he wanted a _____ without a _____.
- D. Why did Jesus rebuke Peter so strongly?
 - 1. Because of Peter's ignorant _____.
 - 2. Because Jesus knew that _____ was behind Peter's well-meaning words.
 - 3. So that Peter would later understand how important the _____ would be.
- E. Jesus then used this powerful moment of rebuke to teach Peter and all the disciples that those who follow Jesus must take the _____ path – the path of the _____.

II. The Application

- A. First, we realize that sometimes _____ people unknowingly do the _____ work.
- B. Second, we realize that our closest _____ may sometimes become our worst _____.
 - 1. When we set out to _____ the Lord, Satan is going to try to _____ us one way or another.
- C. We need to be aware that our _____ and _____ often come back to back.

Conclusion:

- A. Though a person falls again and again, it is the _____ that marks the dedicated and faithful follower of Christ.
- B. Story of missionary John Paton.
- C. Sometimes our problem boils down to the fact that we want something God doesn't offer: A padded cross, a shiny cross, a comfortable cross, a cross without any blood or pain.

Answer Key: Intro.A. devil, temptation, minister. B. rebuke, rebuke. C. rebuked, praised. I.A. old, news. I.A.1. killed. I.B. crazy, straight. I.C.1. loved. I.C.2. understand, plan. I.C.3. God's, will. I.C.4. kingdom, cross. I.D.1. presumption. I.D.2. Satan. I.D.3. cross. I.E. same, cross. II.A. good, devil's. II.B. friends, enemies. II.B.1. serve, stop. II.C. victories, defeats. Concl.A. getting, up.