

NEVER SAY NEVER
MARK 14:27-31 / JULY 12, 2017 / WED

I. JESUS SHARED A PROPHECY WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

- A. How well do you know yourself?--14:27a.
- B. Jesus said the Bible even prophesied that they all would deny him--14:27b (Zech. 13:7).

II. JESUS ALSO SHARED A PROMISE WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

- A. Jesus promised that he would rise from the dead--14:28a.
- B. Jesus also promised his disciples that he would see them again in Galilee--14:28b.
- C. The disciples missed both of Jesus' promises in verse 28.

III. THE DISCIPLES MADE SOME BOLD PRONOUNCEMENTS TO JESUS.

- A. Peter's immediate response to Jesus' prediction of their denial was emphatic!--14:29.
- B. Jesus set Peter straight about what he is capable of--14:30.
- C. Peter's response is completely "**Petrine**" (Relating to Peter).
 - 1. He defended himself even more vigorously--14:31a.
 - 2. Peter's response elicited the same response for all the disciples--14:31b.

IV. LESSONS FOR US TODAY.

- 1. No one really knows for sure what they are capable of--Jer. 17:9.
- 2. God knows us better than we know ourselves--Jer. 17:10.
- 3. Pride blinds us from seeing ourselves as we really are--Prov. 16:18.
- 4. Self-assurance doesn't change reality--1 Cor. 10:12.
- 5. Fear is a strong motivator.

_____ ---"Fear defeats more people than any other thing in the world".

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