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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”.
      ____________ ---“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”