

Peter's Denial, Restoration, and Ours
Outline – April 7, 2024
Luke 22:31-34, Mark 14:66-72, John 21:3-14

The Lion King Movie Has A Common Message

- I. The pattern of many**
 - A. Belonging
 - B. Defiance
 - C. Chaos
 - D. Run Away
 - E. Miles away from our purpose
- II. The story of many**
 - A. I once was a follower
 - B. I no longer am involved
 - C. I have back slidden
 - D. I have deconverted
- III. The story of Peter (Luke 5)**
 - A. Jesus meets Peter by the lake, tells him where to fish
 - 1. Peter is annoyed, but obeys
 - 2. Peter catches fish
 - 3. Peter sees Jesus righteousness and his own sin
 - B. Peter walked with Jesus
 - 1. Walked on water
 - 2. Inner circle
 - 3. Confesses Jesus
 - C. When Jesus talked about His crucifixion, Jesus predicted all would fall away
 - 1. Peter said "not him"
 - 2. He would try to defend Jesus
 - 3. Jesus was arrested
 - 4. Peter was taken back
 - D. Peter follows Jesus to His trial
 - 1. From a distance
 - 2. Into the courtyard
 - E. A servant girl recognizes Peter as a disciple
 - 1. Peter denies knowing Jesus
 - F. Peter denied Jesus a second time in front of a group
 - G. Peter swears with an oath that he doesn't know Jesus
- IV. How did Peter go from defender to denier**
 - A. Life was not what he thought it would be
 - B. He felt let down and disappointed
 - C. He feared for his life
 - D. He was caught "off guard"

- E. He lost his confidence
- F. He displayed his cowardice
- G. His hope was shredded

V. The psychology of Peter that led to his denial

- A. Pride
 - 1. "I got this"
 - 2. "I can handle this"
- B. Push back
 - 1. Wouldn't listen to Jesus
 - 2. Ignored the warning
- C. Prayed too little
 - 1. Slept
 - 2. Stopped drawing on power of Jesus
- D. Proclaimed too quickly
 - 1. Out of sync with God
- E. Put too much distance between him and Jesus
 - 1. He followed too far
 - 2. He tried to blend in
- F. Plummeted in relationship with
- G. Position of bitter weeping
 - 1. He realized his best is not enough

VI. How Jesus manages Peter's failure

- A. An angel of God says to the woman at the tomb
 - "Go tell the disciples and Peter you will see Him in Galilee"
 - (Mark 16:7)
- B. Peter went back to fishing
 - 1. He goes to what we know
 - 2. Peter had influence
 - 3. Jesus reached out to him
- C. Peter was catching nothing
 - 1. His life wasn't working out
 - 2. Jesus told him that...
 - 3. "You have no fish do you"
- D. Cast on the other side
 - 1. Listen to me and you will succeed
 - 2. Peter now moves toward Jesus as he jumps out of the boat
- E. Jesus makes breakfast
 - 1. Recreates original meeting
 - 2. Makes a charcoal fire
 - 3. Jesus is revealing, inviting, helping
- F. We have to talk about this
 - 1. 3 Denials
 - 2. 3 Confessions

3. (Later) 3 thousand saved

G. Jesus points Peter forward

1. Don't let failure or past determine your future

VII. The world is full of sheep who need you

A. Sheep can't run fast

B. Sheep can't defend themselves

C. Sheep can't drink water that is flowing

D. His grace is for you

He doesn't dismiss the son

He died for it

**That's Peters Story
That's Your Story**