

Theme: Jesus does not, will not, fail us, he holds us through all our trials. He pursues us and holds our relationship with him. NOT US! Him!

1. Intro

- A. Jesus knows the when, where, and how we will fail him
- B. The Count of Monte Cristo ---Story
- C. The apostle Peter betrays
- D. Peter repents quickly
- E. Peter was a businessman
- F. Peter and Jesus were friends

2. Jesus predicts Peter's Denial ³¹ **"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."**
³³ **But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."**³⁴
Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." will disown me three times!

- A. Luke 21:31-34
- B. Jesus Knows
- C. Jesus calls Peter Simon?
- D. Peter looks back at his old ways
- E. Satan is real
- F. Greater is He.

3. Even the BEST Fail

⁵⁴ **Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."
⁵⁷ But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.**

⁵⁸ **A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."
"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.**

⁵⁹ **About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."**

⁶⁰ **Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.**

- A. The best we have to offer fails
 - 1. Peter is an apostle, he walked with Jesus, he wrote books of the Bible
 - B. Peter part of the Inner circle
 - C. Peter's fear unmerited?
 - D. Peter's Denial
 - E. Promises
 - F. Peter's reaction to his sin
 - 1. Peter repents, cries is truly sorry
 - G. Judas betrayed Jesus also
4. Jesus does not fail!
- 1. The best among us fail....sad story
 - 2. Enter Jesus
 - 3. 1 Tim. 2:13 Even when or though we are faithless, he remains Faithful."
 - 4. Jesus goes to the cross
 - 5. Jesus rises 3 days later
 - 6. Peter 1st one there
5. Jesus is the cure.
- 1. When you sin use it to "Strengthen your brothers" Luke 22:32
 - 2. Good news / Bad news
 - 3. Jesus is he hero of your life
6. Jesus reconciles Peter John 21: 15-17
- When they had finished breakfast—Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?' Peter was grieved, because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything.'" We kind of just proved that. "You know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'"

1. Jesus gets “face to face” with Peter and forgives
2. Jesus doesn’t react as we would (rub Peters nose in it”
3. Do you Love me?

7. Applying the Word

1. Do we deny Christ?
 - A. Do we live a double life? One way at home or church and another at work or with friends?
 - B. Have we “lost our 1st love?”
2. Are we quick to repent?
3. Do we understand that Jesus knows all it is a completed work (he is not shooting from the hip it is finished.)
4. Are we ever overconfident in ourselves like Peter?

“Will you lay down your life for me?”

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Text: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

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Key Points:

1. Luke 22:31-34 Satan wants to destroy Peter and Jesus knows Peter will deny him.
2. Peter fails and we will fail Jesus.
3. Peter quickly repents.
4. Jesus fails no one, his perfect life, burial, and resurrection have paved the way for us to enter into Him. We are part of God’s family because of Christ nothing we have done.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Why do you think Peter was so confident that Satan could not affect him? Do you ever have those thoughts?
3. Are we ever overconfident in our own abilities and/or talents? Do we allow status or position influence us to lean on our talents?
4. How do the other Disciples react toward Peter's denial? When we are wronged by someone how do we react?
5. What is Peter's almost immediate response to his sin? How do we respond when we sin? Are we quick to seek repentance and forgiveness?
6. How does Jesus treat Peter after the betrayal? Are we able to forgive? Do we forgive quickly and completely? Is there someone you need to forgive?
7. Is there a difference in Peter's betrayal and Judas' betrayal?
8. Do you firmly, without doubt, believe that Jesus will not fail you?
9. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word this week.

