

"Jesus & A Confident Man"

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31 Then Jesus said to them, "Tonight all of you will fall away because of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." 33 Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away."34 "Truly I tell you," Jesus said to him, "tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." 35 "Even if I have to die with you," Peter told him, "I will never deny you," and all the disciples said the same thing.

Driving Question:

Where does Jesus call us to place our confidence in?

1. Peter's Lost Confidence

33 Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away.

LET'S GET TO KNOW PETER:

- **1. He is aware of his sin.** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus's knees and said, "Go away from me, because I'm a sinful man, Lord!" **Luke 5:8**
- 2. He knows who Jesus is. 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16
- 3. He loved Jesus. "Yes, Lord," he said to him, "you know that I love you." John 21:15

YET PETER'S CONFIDENCE WAS LOST IN HIMSELF. HOW DO WE SEE THIS?

1. He ignores God's Word

Tonight all of you will fall away because of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.

2. He compares himself with others

- 33 Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away.
- 29 Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away, I will not." Mark 14:29

3. He boasts of his ability

33 Peter told him, "Even if everyone falls away because of you, I will never fall away." "I will never deny you,"

4. He fails to pray

40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, "So, couldn't you stay awake with me one hour? 41 Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation.

2. Peter's Loving Savior

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT THIS LOVING SAVIOR?

1. He allows us to fail for our good

31 "Simon, Simon, look out. Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. Luke 22:31

2. He sustains us through our failure

32 But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. Luke 22:32

3. He restores us from our failures

15 When they had eaten breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said to him, "you know that I love you." "Feed my lambs," he told him. 16 A second time he asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," he said to him, "you know that I love you." "Shepherd my sheep," he told him. 17 He asked him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved that he asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." "Feed my sheep," Jesus said.

3. Peter's Found Confidence

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. 8 Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. 9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

10 The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. 11 To him be dominion forever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:6-11

Driving Question:

Where does Jesus call us to place our confidence in?

Answer:

Jesus calls us to place our confidence in the one who lived, died and resurrected for our sake and is interceding for our greater good.