

Series: The Gospel of Mark

## “Peter’s Spiritual Failure and Restoration”

(Sunday Morning September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Passage: Mark 14:66-72; John 21:15-18

In order to cope with persecution, it is essential for a Christian to be s\_\_\_\_\_ prepared.

*Eph 6:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places”*

### I. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Peter’s Spiritual Failure

1) He Was A\_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 22:31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat”*

*Luke 22:32 “but I have prayed for you (Peter), that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”*

Even b\_\_\_\_\_ his spiritual failure had occurred, I believe that Jesus was letting Peter know that he would be restored.

*1 Cor 10:12 “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.”*

2) He Was I\_\_\_\_\_

a. Peter Q\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the Lord

b. Peter C\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the Lord

*Matt 17:5 “While he (Peter) was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!’”*

c. Peter I\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the Lord

d. Peter F\_\_\_\_\_ the Word of the Lord

### II. The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Peter’s Spiritual Failure

1) He Was R\_\_\_\_\_

The safest place for Peter would have been right beside the Lord at least there his identity would have already been w\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

*Prov 13:20 “...the companion of fools will be destroyed”*

2) He Was I \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 4:31 "And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness."*

Peter was not spiritually prepared to face these events, and to some extent, Peter I \_\_\_\_\_ the a \_\_\_\_\_ to be spiritually prepared for these events.

3) He Was D \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt 26:78 "(They Said)... 'Surely you too are {one} of them; for the way you talk gives you away'"*

We are told in Luke's gospel that Jesus looked at Peter (Luke 22:61), and He didn't say anything, because his look of c \_\_\_\_\_ said it all.

### III. The C \_\_\_\_\_ for Peter's Spiritual Failure

1) It Was a P \_\_\_\_\_ Cure

Jesus knows that a f \_\_\_\_\_ that makes you h \_\_\_\_\_ is more valuable than a s \_\_\_\_\_ that makes you p \_\_\_\_\_.

2) It Was a P \_\_\_\_\_ Cure

*Mark 16:7 "(The Angel Said)...go, tell His disciples AND PETER, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee'"*

**Question:** Why had this angel been instructed by Jesus to add those two words "...and Peter?"

**Answer =** Because Peter is the one Jesus was the m \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ about.

*Luke 15:4-5 "4 What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing"*

3) It Was a P \_\_\_\_\_ Cure

*John 21:15-18 (Turn and Read)*

When they all got to shore, they discovered that Jesus had already cooked breakfast for them on a c \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_.

*Acts 2:14 "But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words."*

*1 Pet 2:24 "and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed"*