

August 9, 2015
Luke 22:54-62

FAILURE IS NOT FINAL

I. Introduction:

Failure Is Not Final!

II. Profile of Peter.

- A. Peter was a _____
⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."
Luke 22:59
- B. Peter was a _____
- C. Peter was a man of _____
- D. Peter had an _____

III. Peter's Denial.

⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance." Luke 22:54

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.

IV. Peter's Triumph

¹⁸ Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

²⁰ As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:18-20

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee.'" Mark 16:6-7

V. Conclusion and Application:

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Open It

1. How does peer pressure affect our decisions?
2. *In what circumstances have you felt pressured into going along with the opinions of your friends?
3. When do you feel uncomfortable succumbing to group pressure?

Explore It

4. Where did the events of this story take place? ([22:54](#))
5. What had happened to Jesus? ([22:54](#))
6. *For what reason did Peter follow Jesus "at a distance"? ([22:54](#))
7. *What do the actions of Peter in this story reveal about his personal character? ([22:54-62](#))
8. Of what did the servant girl accuse Peter? ([22:56](#))
9. How did Peter respond to the servant girl? ([22:57](#))
10. How many times was Peter accused of knowing Jesus? ([22:56-59](#))
11. How did Peter respond to the second and third accusations put to him? ([22:58-60](#))
12. Why did the third person suspect Peter was a follower of Jesus? ([22:59](#))
13. What happened when Peter denied Jesus the third time? ([22:60-61](#))
14. What caused Peter to remember Jesus' earlier prediction? ([22:60-61](#))
15. What did Jesus do the third time Peter denied knowing Him? ([22:61](#))
16. *Why was Peter so upset and bitter about his actions? ([22:61-62](#))
17. How did Peter respond to the realization that he had denied his Lord? ([22:62](#))

Get It

18. What would make Peter deny that he knew Jesus, when earlier he said he was willing to die for Him?
19. *When have you ever done something because of peer pressure, then later regretted it?
20. In what circumstances are other people able to influence us to act in ways we know we should not?
21. How was Peter's denial of Christ different from Judas's betrayal of Jesus?
22. *What can we do to stand against the pressure of others to do things we know are wrong?
23. How should we respond when we fail to obey Christ?
24. What can we learn about repentance from Peter's example in this story?
25. How would you define true repentance?
26. What methods does God use to make us aware of ways we need to change?
27. In what ways has the Lord made you aware of a sin in your life?
28. How should we respond to the convicting voice of God?

Apply It

29. *What could you do this week to strengthen your stand for Christ in the face of pressure from others?
30. In the future, how could you encourage another believer who has done something wrong but shows a willingness to repent?