

Series "Behold Your King"
"A Follower's Failure"
Matthew 26:69-75
Part-113

- 1. Peter's Makeup:**
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1. Peter's Makeup:

Note 5 Highs and Lows of Peter's life in the Gospels:

1. Shortly After Peter's Calling, Peter Observed the Miraculous Catch of Fish: Luke 5:8

Luke 5:10

Peter's life was Plagued by Fear: Later fear caused him to sink Matt 14:30. Afraid at the Transfiguration Luke 9:34. Later compromised by treating Gentiles different in front of fellow Jews Gal. 2:12

2. Peter was Praised By Jesus For Receiving the Revelation of Who Jesus Was, Then Rebuked by Jesus: Matt 16:16-17

Jesus Foretells His Death and Peter Rebukes Jesus, Jesus Rebukes Peter: Matt 16:22-23

3. It was Peter who Asks Jesus if he Could Walk on Water and Join the Lord: Matt 14:28

Moments later he said, "Lord, save me!" Matt 14:30

4. When the Multitudes All Left Jesus over The Discourse "The Bread of Life" it was Peter who Stood by Him: John 6:67-69

5. It was Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration that he did not Know What to Say so he said Something Anyway: Matt 17:4

As hard as failure is, it is an important tool because it has a way of getting our attention and making us teachable.

2. Peter's Errors:

Matt 26:69

Matt 26:57-58

We learn from Peter, 6 Errors that commonly lead to Failure.

1. Peter's Self Confidence: Matt 26:31-33

Peter Looked Down on the Other Disciples: "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

Matt 26:34-35

Luke 22:31-33

Matt 26:34

2. Peter's Disregard For The Word Of God: (Jesus' Warning) Matt 26:34-35

Mark 14:30-31

Gal 6:7-8

3. Peter's Prayerlessness: Matt 26:37-38

Matt 26:40-41

Matt 26:43-45

4. Peter Fought When He Should Have Surrendered: Matt 26:51-53

5. Peter Followed When He Should Have Fled For Safety: Matt 26:58

John 18:8 "Let these go their way"

6. Peter Sat With The Wrong Crowd: Matt 26:58

Peter's Denial of Christ was the Climax of a Series of Errors.

3. Peter's Failure:

Matt 26:69

Luke 22:56

Peter's First Denial Was a Dodging of Jesus: Matt 26:70-71

Peter's Second Denial Was a Disassociation of Jesus: Matt 26:72

Matt 26:73

John 18:26

Peter's Third Denial a Was Defense Against Jesus: Matt 26:74-75

Luke 22:61

Luke 22:31-32

1 Peter 5:10

2 Cor 7:9

Many are acquainted with their fall, but not with their recovery. Many sin like David and Peter but have not repented like David and Peter.

Application:

1. We Need to Learn to Pay Attention to the Word:
2. We Need to Learn to Watch and Pray:
3. We Need to Learn to Not Place Confidence in Our Own Strength.
4. We Need to Learn that No Matter Who We are and No Matter What God has Done Through us We Can Surely Fall:
5. We Need to Learn to Be More Compassionate Because We All Fall.
James 3:2
6. We Need to Learn that When a True Believer Falls, he always Recovers and Returns to God and Service: