

Series "The God Who Serves"
"Falling From Grace"
Mark 14:66-72
Study-62

Falling From Grace – (Christian Concept) "To sin and get on the wrong side of God; to revert back to bad behavior after a period of good behavior."

This passage is recorded in all 4 Gospels: Matt. 26:69-75; Mark 14:66–72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:25-27

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Falling From Grace Can Be Traced Back To An Ignorance Or A Disregard For What God Has Said."

1. Verses 27-54 – Peter's Errors

2. Verses 66-72 – Peter's Fall

1. Verses 27-54 – Peter's Errors:

Peter Commits 6 Errors That Commonly Lead To Failure:

1. Verses 27-29 – Peter's Self Confidence: Mark 14: 27-29

Peter's Self Confidence Led Him To Look Down On His Fellow Disciples: Mark 14: 29

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial: Mark 14: 30-31

Possibly a few hours earlier, Jesus had said to Peter: Luke 22: 31-32

John 13: 36-38

The Great Lesson: Don't Trust in Yourself!

Jesus Even Puts A Time Table On Peter's Denial: "you yourself this very night, before a cock crows twice," – Matt 26: 34

Isaiah 40: 30-31

Vance Havner said, "The Lord had the strength and I had the weakness, so we teamed up! It was an unbeatable combination."

2. Verses 30-31 – Peter's Disregard For The Word Of God: (Jesus' Warning) Mark 14: 30-31

"But Peter kept saying insistently," – "exceedingly, vehemently"; speaking to excess with flowing words and firm gestures.

Peter Ignored Zechariah 13:7. So, instead of looking to the Scriptures, Peter looked to himself! ↓ Problem!

Don't Argue With The Word of God!

1 Cor 6:9-10

1 Cor 15:33 – "Do not be deceived"

Gal 6:7 – "Do not be deceived"

James 1:16 – "Do not be deceived"

3. Verses 32-41 – Peter's Prayerlessness: Mark 14:32-34

Mark 14:37

1st Time Peter Is Caught Sleeping: "and said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep?'" "Simon" – was his name given by man. "Peter" – was his spiritual name given to him by Jesus.

Jesus is exposing the pride & self-confidence of Peter, which we can also fall prey to, as Peter does.

Mark 14:38

1 Corinthians 10:13

"The Flesh Is Weak" – flesh: old nature; the natural man bent on sin.

Romans 7:21-23

This Is Not An Excuse! Jesus is not saying "well you are weak, so get use to it." Free Pass – No! Because we are weak, we need to pray, we need to keep watch!

Mark 14:40

2nd Time Peter Is Caught Sleeping: "And again He came and found them sleeping,"

"for their eyes were very heavy;" – Their eyes were weighed down with sleep, for their hearts had not been filled with prayer.

Mark 14:41

3rd Time Peter Is Caught Sleeping: "He came the third time, and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?'"

Luke 22:45

4. Verses 46-47 – Peter Fought When He Should Have Surrendered: Mark 14:46-47

John tells us who it was. John 18:10 – Simon Peter

Zeal Without Knowledge: 2 Cor 10:4

When we try to do God's will in our flesh, people get Hurt. Peter thought "here is my big test!" Mark 14:31

How characteristic of persons not in the Word and Prayer!

Luke 22:51

5. Verse 54 – Peter Followed When He Should Have Fled For Safety: Mark 14:54

John 18:8 – "Let these go their way"

Peter followed Jesus at a distance: "Peter had followed Him at a distance," – **Marginal Is Dangerous.**

6. Verse 54 – Peter Sat With The Wrong Crowd: Mark 14:54

Psalm 1 – Walk, Stand, Sit

2. Verses 66-72 – Peter's Fall:

Peter's Denial of Jesus was the result of a Series of Errors:

1st Denial Was The Dodging of Jesus: Verses 66-68

Mark 14:68 – "I don't know or comprehend what you are talking about"

2nd Denial Was A Disassociation Of Jesus: Verses 69-70

3rd Denial Was A Defense Against Jesus: Verses 70-71

"to curse and swear," – Peter placed himself under an oath: A pledge or a promise carrying penalties for not adhering.

Mark 14: 72

"Before a cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times." – Mark 14: 30

Luke 22: 61

Luke 22: 31-32

John 21 – Peter is restored to ministry and service. Acts 1-12

1 Peter 5: 10

2 Cor 7: 9

Application:

1. Make Corporate Worship A Priority.
2. Give Full Attention When In A Service.
3. Application.
4. Those Attending 6 Months Or Longer Have the Privilege of Serving.
5. Be Committed To Growth In 2014.
6. Pray For The Pastors and Wives, Staff, Leadership, Services, Ministries, Preparation time for study, Delivery of the Word.