

THE BREAKING *HEROES: PETER*

Week #1: The Call - Peter leaves everything in obedience to Jesus

Week #2: The Experience - Peter sees the supernatural power of Jesus

Week #3: The Revelation - Peter confesses Jesus as Christ

Lesson #1

Matthew 26:31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike [Zech 13:7] the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' **32** But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." **33** Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you." **34** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." **35** "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the other disciples vowed the same. (NLT)

Mark 14:27 On the way, Jesus told them, "All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' **28** But after I am raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there." **29** Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will." **30** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me." **31** "No!" Peter declared emphatically. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" And all the others vowed the same. (NLT)

Luke 22:33 Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." **34** But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." (NLT)

John 13:36 Simon Peter asked, "Lord, where are you going?" And Jesus replied, "You can't go with me now, but you will follow me later." **37** "But why can't I come now, Lord?" he asked. "I'm ready to die for you." **38** Jesus answered, "Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." (NLT)

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Lesson #2

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." **37** He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. **38** He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **39** He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." **40** Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? **41** Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" **42** Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, "My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done." **43** When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. **44** So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. **45** Then he came to the disciples and said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" (NLT)

Mark 14:32 They went to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, "Sit here while I go and pray." **33** He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. **34** He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." **35** He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. **36** "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." **37** Then he returned and found the disciples asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? **38** Keep watch and

pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." **39** Then Jesus left them again and prayed the same prayer as before. **40** When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn't keep their eyes open. And they didn't know what to say. **41** When he returned to them the third time, he said, "Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But no—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. **42** Up, let's be going. Look, my betrayer is here!" (NLT)

Luke 22:39 Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. **40** There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation." **41** He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, **42** "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." **43** Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him. **44** He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. **45** At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. **46** "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation." (NLT)

A _____ Spirit

A _____ Heart

A _____ Life

Lesson #3

Matthew 26:56 But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in the Scriptures." At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled. **57** Then the people who had arrested Jesus led him to the home of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of religious law and the elders had gathered. **58** Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest's courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end. ... **69** Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean." **70** But Peter denied it in front of everyone. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. **71** Later, out by the gate, another servant girl noticed him and said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." **72** Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. "I don't even know the man," he said. **73** A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them; we can tell by your Galilean accent." **74** Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed. (NLT)

Mark 14:50 Then all his disciples deserted him and ran away. **51** One young man following behind was clothed only in a long linen shirt. When the mob tried to grab him, **52** he slipped out of his shirt and ran away naked. **53** They took Jesus to the high priest's home where the leading priests, the elders, and the teachers of religious law had gathered. **54** Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and went right into the high priest's courtyard. There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire. ... **66** Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by **67** and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire. She looked at him closely and said, "You were one of those with Jesus of Nazareth." **68** But Peter denied it. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said, and he went out into the entryway. Just then, a rooster

crowed. **69** When the servant girl saw him standing there, she began telling the others, "This man is definitely one of them!" **70** But Peter denied it again. A little later some of the other bystanders confronted Peter and said, "You must be one of them, because you are a Galilean." **71** Peter swore, "A curse on me if I'm lying—I don't know this man you're talking about!" **72** And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. (NLT)

Luke 22:54 So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. **55** The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. **56** A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" **57** But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" **58** After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. **59** About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." **60** But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. (NLT)

John 18:15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, as did another of the disciples. That other disciple was acquainted with the high priest, so he was allowed to enter the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. **16** Peter had to stay outside the gate. Then the disciple who knew the high priest spoke to the woman watching at the gate, and she let Peter in. **17** The woman asked Peter, "You're not one of that man's disciples, are you?" "No," he said, "I am not." **18** Because it was cold, the household servants and the guards had made a charcoal fire. They stood around it, warming themselves, and Peter stood with them, warming himself. **19** Inside, the high priest began asking Jesus about his followers and what he had been teaching them. **20** Jesus replied, "Everyone knows what I teach. I have preached regularly in the synagogues and the Temple, where the people gather. I have not spoken in secret. **21** Why are you asking me this question? Ask those who heard me. They know what I said." **22** Then one of the

Temple guards standing nearby slapped Jesus across the face. “Is that the way to answer the high priest?” he demanded. **23** Jesus replied, “If I said anything wrong, you must prove it. But if I’m speaking the truth, why are you beating me?” **24** Then Annas bound Jesus and sent him to Caiaphas, the high priest. **25** Meanwhile, as Simon Peter was standing by the fire warming himself, they asked him again, “You’re not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it, saying, “No, I am not.” **26** But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Didn’t I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?” **27** Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed. (NLT)

_____ **Commitment**

_____ **Following**

_____ **Denial**

Matthew 26:75 Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he went away, weeping bitterly. (NLT)

Mark 14:72 And immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Suddenly, Jesus’ words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And he broke down and wept. (NLT)

Luke 22:61 At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” **62** And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. (NLT)

_____ **from Failure**

_____ **to Jesus**

_____ **the Mission**

Lesson #4

Luke 22:31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. **32** But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” (NLT)