

I. Peter’s bold claim

- A. He overestimated his own strength

“He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.” (Proverbs 28:26)

“So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall.” (I Corinthians 10:12)

- B. He underestimated the power of temptation

“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (I Peter 5:8)

II. Peter’s outburst

- A. He tried to defend Jesus by force

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

- B. He was corrected by Jesus

III. Peter’s fall

- A. He put himself in a place of great temptation

- B. He denied knowing Jesus

“Whoever disowns me before men, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:33)

- C. He denied being a follower of Jesus

“If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38)

- D. He denied knowing the truth

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (I Peter 3:15)

IV. Peter’s repentance

- A. He saw the face of Jesus

“And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas (which translated, is Peter).’” (John 1:42)

- B. He remembered the words of Jesus

- C. He recognized his sin

D. He experienced true sorrow

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

V. Peter’s restoration

(John 21:15-19) just reference

A. Jesus forgave Peter

B. Jesus restored Peter to ministry

C. Jesus worked mightily through Peter

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Those who accepted his message were baptized and about three thousand were added to their number that day.’” (Acts 2:38, 41)