



Message of Encouragement Simon Peter

Sunday May 28th

The Disciple Peter - Denial

- Matthew 26:20-50
 - In verse 20
 - “I tell you the truth on of you will betray me”
 - Verse 33 Peter states
 - “ Even fi everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you”
 - Verse 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.”
 - Verse 35
 - “No! Peter insisted. Even if I have to die with you. I will never deny you.”

The Disciple Peter – Knows Jesus


- Matthew 16:13-17
 - *¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[b] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[c] will not overcome it.*

The Disciple Peter – Denial in action

- Matthew 26:69-74 NLT

Think about it

- Peter was a disciple all throughout the ministry and really never failed to follow even though he often stumbled.
- Rhetorical Questions:
 - How often do we, ourselves, stumble and fall short?
 - We follow or try that is, but we stumble too. Right?
 - Sometimes this stumbling can cause our hearts, faith and lives to become fearful, old, hard or cold toward Jesus...



Soften it up
With oil and wine

- [Keith Green – My eyes are dry.](#)

- <https://youtu.be/eMHaGXo27Zs>

Think about it – Continued

- “Alive to you and Dead to me”
 - What do these entail for each of us?
 - What steps are we taking?
 - What can we be looking to improve or do differently to be more alive in Jesus?
 - Is our faith Stagnant?
 - What are we doing amidst the spiritual battle that is all around us ?
- WE NEED JESUS MORE THEN EVER!

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes
free
And my shame is undone

- Francesca Battecelli – Holy Spirit
 - <https://youtu.be/3zARVp3420I>

Remember

- John 20:29 NLT – ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”
- John 21:1-14

Simon Peter – Reinstated

- John 21:15-17 NLT - ¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?^[a]” “Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.” “Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him. ¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. ¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.
- *Life Application Study Bible NLT - commentary: 21:15-17* In this beach scene, Jesus led Peter through an experience that would remove the cloud of his denial. Peter had denied Jesus three times. Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved him. When Peter answered yes, Jesus told him to feed his sheep. It is one thing to say you love Jesus, but the real test is willingness to serve him. Peter had repented, and here Jesus was asking him to commit his life. Peter's life changed when he finally realized who Jesus was. His occupation changed from fisherman to evangelist; his identity changed from impetuous to "rock"; and his relationship to Jesus changed- he was forgiven, and he finally understood the significance of Jesus' words about his death and resurrection.



- Ryan Stevenson – Not Forgotten
 - <https://youtu.be/3Pa0ODC2ZPg>

Take Aways / In Summary

- **Is your faith not as strong as you would like it?**
- **Do you feel cold, dry, stagnant at times?**
- **Well, Good NEWS!**
 - **Be Encouraged – Jesus can and will restore you giving new life to your faith**
 - **Be Encouraged – The Holy Spirit and presence of the Lord are all around us.**
 - **Be Encouraged – Jesus has not Forgotten you; you are not alone.**



Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You