

The Son of God

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Peter's denial of Jesus teaches us that we are all capable of failure, but that we can learn from our mistakes and turn to God in humility and repentance.

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Description

K.P. Yohannan reflects on the moment Peter denied Jesus, emphasizing the deep shame and regret that followed. He draws parallels between Peter's experience and our own moments of failure, where we may feel lost and overwhelmed by our shortcomings. Just as Peter wept bitterly after his denial, we too can find ourselves in situations that leave us feeling ashamed and confused. Yohannan encourages us to recognize that even in our failures, we can turn back to God for forgiveness and restoration. The sermon serves as a reminder that our aspirations can falter, but God's grace remains available to us.

Transcript

About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter (Luke 22:54-61, emphasis mine).

What a horrific moment that must have been. The Son of God had heard Peter's hot words of denial, and after listening, Jesus, the prisoner, turned and looked straight at His disciple.

What a dreadful turn of events for Peter. In his wildest dreams, he never would have believed himself capable of what he had just done. We know this was traumatic for him, because the passage reports that "he went outside and wept bitterly" (Luke 22:62).

I Can't Believe I Did That!

Chances are you can recall a time in your own life when you "wept bitterly" over something. Like Peter, what you thought could never happen to you did indeed, leaving you

ashamed . . .

confused . . .

uncomfortable . . .

frightened . . .

conscience-stricken.

Maybe it was a divorce that threw off your normal equilibrium or a marriage that underwent severe stress. Perhaps it was a business failure that made your life so wretched or an important relationship in which miscommunication and hurt feelings took over. Could it have been the belief that you failed someone important, even yourself? You fell so far short of your personal expectations. Whatever it was, you couldn't believe this was happening, not to you anyway.

Certainly Peter's earlier words, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death" (Luke 22:33), came back to mock him. Each of us starts out in life with desires, ambitions and dreams, plus the early commitment and resolve to achieve them. But somewhere along the way, whether by our own deliberate choice or by external circumstances, these aspirations come crashing down before us, crumbling in our hands.

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