

“Where I Am Going, You Cannot Come” – Pt. 2
John 13:36-38

Peter: A lack of submission to Jesus’ word and its terrible consequences:

1. Jesus’ Clear Word

v. 36

(1) In Answer to Peter’s Question

“Lord, where are you going?”

- Nothing wrong with Peter’s question!

- But will he receive our Lord’s answer?

(2) The Substance

*“Jesus answered him,
‘Where I am going you cannot follow Me now,
but you shall follow Me afterward.’”*

- 1- He limits the disciples’ inability to follow to the present.

- 2- He adds an important “qualifier.”

- 3- Not highly detailed! He does not give a specific answer. Why?

2. Peter’s Resistance...and Its Consequences

vv. 37-38

(1) Resistance!

*“Lord, why can I not follow you now?
I will lay down my life for your sake!”*

- 1- Impetuosity? Yes!

- 2- More to the point: He is refusing Jesus’ clear word!

(2) Consequences!

-1- He gets everything “backwards!”

“I will lay down my life for your sake!”

- Lit: *“My life, for you I will lay down”*
- Thus, Jesus’ stinging rebuke: *“Your life, for Me...?”*

- Jesus’ rebuke show Peter’s position to be foolhardy and preposterous!

-2- He sets himself in opposition to God’s purpose!

- As previously! cf. Matt. 16:21ff.

- Peter would oppose and encroach upon that work which the Father had given Jesus to do!
 - To divert Him from that path!
 - To “protect Him from Himself” on it(!) (cf. 18:10)

-3- He becomes an unwitting agent increasing our Lord’s suffering!

- **Presently:** As he would seek to divert Jesus from the path of obedience.

- **Later that night:** As he would make that path of obedience *more bitter* for Jesus.

-4- He positions himself for a terrible fall!

*“Most assuredly, I say to you,
the rooster shall not crow
till you have denied Me three times.”*

- A solemn, revelatory pronouncement!
- “Before this night is over...!”

- Peter: Ashamed of a suffering Christ

Further Application: