

The Fall of Peter
Matthew 26:69-75

Main Point:

Learn from the fall of Peter so that you don't do the same.

1. Peter's fall is a warning to us.

2. Peter's fall was progressive.

3. Peter's fall began in private.

4. Peter's fall was aided by the wrong company.

5. Peter's fall was graciously reversed by Jesus.

1 Corinthians 10:11-12 ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. (NKJV)

Romans 6:19 ¹⁹ ... For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. (NKJV)

Proverbs 12:26 ²⁶ The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "Good friends are among our greatest blessings; - they may keep us back from much evil, quicken us in our course, speak a word in season, draw us upward, and draw us on. But a bad friend is a positive misfortune, a weight continually dragging us down, and chaining us to earth."

Luke 22:60-61 ⁶⁰ ... Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter ... (NKJV)

Isaiah 55:7 ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. (NKJV)

John 21:15-17 ¹⁵ So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. (NKJV)

Daniel Doriani "Our failures feel catastrophic to us, but God sees a way to redemption. For the believer, failure is never the final word."

Matthew Henry "The former is written for our admonition, that we may not sin; but, if at any time we be overtaken, this is written for our imitation, that we may make haste to repent."