

## Fragile Peter

John 18:12-18; 25-27

*Going Beyond* the sermon into Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on March 25, 2018

### ***Entering In:***

*What biblical name do you like most? Why? (You may search for the meaning of the name.)*

1. In each of the following situations in John's gospel, what did Peter do that made him appear to be bold?

- 13:37
- 18:10
- 18:16, 18

What fear(s) actually motivated Peter in each of those situations?

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What keeps you from being a bold witness for Christ?

What are some things we do to try to cover up our fear of witnessing?

What is at the root of fear?

What is the only remedy for fear (1 John 4:18)?

2. What does "binding Jesus" symbolize? (e.g. about Jesus' and our status)

Why do you think verse 14 is inserted here?

3. Describe the situation surrounding Peter as he denied being Jesus' disciple. What about the situation makes it plausible that the question, "Aren't you one of his disciples", would keep being asked?

Which of the three denials do you think was the most difficult for Peter to make? Why?

Mark reports (14:71) that as Peter was making his third denial, "He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them [those near him by the fire] ..." What does this teach us about how repeated sin affects our behavior?

What is the key to breaking out of the downward spiral of sin once you have entered into it (Mark 14:72; Luke 22:61)?

4. According to Luke 22:31-32, Jesus prayed for Simon Peter before he failed. For what did he pray?

How do you know Jesus prays for you, and what does his prayer mean to you? (cf. Romans 8:34)

What does Jesus' sitting at the right hand of God symbolize?

5. How did the rooster function in Peter's failure?

Have you recognized that Jesus' warning is also directed to you? How have you responded to his warning?

What happens when we ignore Jesus' warning about our weakness regarding our sins? (You may explain it by comparing Judas with Peter; cf. Matthew 26:20-26; Matthew 26:74-75)

What would we do if we took Jesus' warning seriously (the purpose of Jesus' warning in general)?

6. Was it necessary for Jesus to endure *the Passion* (suffering) before he died on the cross? Why or why not?

Is it necessary for us to go through *the Passion* to experience the resurrection with Jesus?

***Living It Out:***

*Pray for one or two weak areas in your life  
where you want to be transformed to become a better Christian.*

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