

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial - Matthew 26:31-35

Topics: Abandon, Commitment, Courage, Danger, Determination, Embarrassment, Endurance, Failure, Foolishness, Impulsiveness, Loyalty, Peer Pressure, Persecution, Promises, Rejection, Vows, Weaknesses, Words

Open It

- * 1. Why is it dangerous to begin a sentence with the words, "I would never . . ."?
 - 2. Why is it possible for a mature believer in Christ to sin?
 - 3. What do you think about the expression, "Talk is cheap"?

Explore It

- * 4. What prediction about His followers did Jesus make on the Mount of Olives? (26:31)
 - 5. To what did Jesus compare Himself and His disciples? (26:31)
 - 6. What was significant about Jesus' statement and His situation? (26:31)
 - 7. What did Christ predict about Himself? (26:32)
 - 8. Where did Jesus say He would go? When? (26:32)
- * 9. How did Peter respond to Jesus' statement that all the disciples would abandon Him? (26:33)
 - 10. What prediction did Jesus make about Peter? (26:34)
 - 11. What did Peter have to say when Jesus said Peter would disown Him? (26:35)
- * 12. How did the rest of the disciples react to these depressing comments by Christ? (26:35)

Get It

- 13. How committed do you think the disciples were to Jesus?
- 14. How is the commitment of many Christians today much like that of the eleven disciples with Jesus in the garden?
- * 15. What is admirable about a promise never to abandon Christ?
- * 16. What is foolish about a vow never to abandon Christ?
 - 17. What situations might tempt you to be quiet or low-key about your relationship with Jesus Christ?
 - 18. If wide-scale persecution of Christians broke out in this country, as it has in so many others, how do you think many Christians would respond? Why?
 - 19. What do you learn about God from the fact that Jesus did not yell at His disciples or disown them even though He knew they would abandon Him?
 - 20. Why is human willpower inadequate to keep us from sinning?
 - 21. What vow have you made to God that you need to fulfill?

Apply It

- 22. In what particular situation(s) this week do you need to make it clear—for the first time—that you are a follower of Jesus Christ?
- 23. How can you encourage a Christian brother or sister who has recently denied Christ and is feeling discouraged?
- * 24. What first step in fulfilling your vow to God do you need to take this week?