

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when someone you knew was overly confident in themselves about something. What did you learn from that experience?

2. What are some indicators that we are overly confident in our spiritual walk? What should we do about it?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about the will of God:
 - a) John 7:17
 - b) Romans 12:2
 - c) II Corinthians 7:10
 - d) I Thessalonians 5:18
 - e) I Peter 2:13-15
 - f) II Peter 3:9
 - g) I John 2:17

4. How did the crowing of the rooster become a source of consolation for Peter?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - ☐ I am going to read one chapter each day in Proverbs for the next month and ask God to give me wisdom as I read it.
 - ☐ I am going to invite a friend to join me for church this week.
 - ☐ I am going to memorize Romans 12:2.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 22:54-62

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Study Series #098

The Danger of Spiritual Self-Confidence

I. Introduction

A. Over-Confident People

B. Peter's Self-Confidence

(See Matthew 26:33; Mark 14:29; Zechariah 13:7)

C. Understanding the Order of Events

(See John 18:12-13; Matthew 26:57; Luke 22:66-71;
John 18:31-32; Luke 23:1-12; Luke 23:13-25)

II. The Danger of Spiritual Self-Confidence

A. Peter Did Not Take the Warnings of Jesus Seriously

(See Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; Luke 9:18-22;
Mark 8:27-33; Matthew 16:13-19; I Thessalonians 4:3;
James 1:5)

"The Bible is not an option; it is a necessity. You cannot grow spiritually strong without it."
Billy Graham

B. Peter Failed to Pray

(See Matthew 26:38; Luke 22:40; Luke 22:45; Matthew 16:21;
Matthew 17:23; Matthew 20:19; Luke 9:22; 18:33; Luke 11:1;
Matthew 6:13; Luke 11:4)

"I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. It doesn't change God, it changes me."

C.S. Lewis

C. Peter Followed at a Distance

(See Luke 22:54; Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 26:31; John 18:8-9; John 18:15-16; Romans 1:16)

D. Peter Became Too Comfortable

(See Luke 22:55; John 18:15-16; John 18:18; Psalm 1:1)

E. Peter Ignored the Warnings

(See Luke 22:56-57; Matthew 26:69-71; Mark 14:68; John 18:26-27; Luke 22:59-60; Mark 14:30)

III. Conclusion

A. The Brokenness of Peter

(See Luke 22:61-62; Matthew 26:75; Mark 14:72)

B. The Consolation of Jesus

(See Luke 22:32; Psalm 30:5; Psalm 51:17; Mark 16:7; Luke 24:34)

Passage of Study Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him *away* and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶ And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, “This man was with Him too.” ⁵⁷ But he denied *it*, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.” ⁵⁸ A little later, another saw him and said, “You are *one* of them too!” But Peter said, “Man, I am not!” ⁵⁹ After about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, “Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Parallel Passages of Study

Matthew 26:57-58, 69-75
Mark 14:53-54, 66-72
John 18:15-18, 25-27

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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