



Standing in the Strength of Christ

At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered that the Lord had said, "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny me three times." And Peter left the courtyard, crying bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: Imagine Jesus turning and looking at you at the very moment you have declared that you don't know Him. In the moment of Jesus' greatest pain, Peter was consumed with his own fears of being identified with Christ. That look from Jesus had to be piercing yet loving; sorrowful yet understanding. It must have shaken Peter to the core when he realized how much his denial of Christ had hurt Jesus. Peter could only turn away and cry bitterly from the depths of his soul, wondering if there could ever be redemption from such a cowardly act. Yet Jesus in His role as Sanctifier was already looking toward Peter's restoration. In fact, Jesus later took care to erase Peter's three outright denials by offering Peter three opportunities to express how much he loved Jesus. John records this exchange between Peter and Jesus (John 21:15-17) as an eternal remembrance that Jesus will always lead us into a place of restoring and strengthening when we truly turn in repentance.

Day 1: Praise Jesus for His love and compassion in spite of our sin and failures.

Day 2: Confess any times you have not stood firm for the name of Christ in the face of opposition

Day 3: Repent of times you have denied Jesus during moments of fear or persecution.

Day 4: Pray that Jesus will fill you with boldness and courage to speak His name often and identify yourself with Him.

Day 5: Pray that the name of Jesus will be honored and revered by all who call themselves followers of Christ.

Day 6: Pray that your church will boldly speak the name of Jesus even when it may not be popular or welcomed.

Day 7: Pray that the presence of Jesus Christ will profoundly touch your community and bring restoration.

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