Holy Week 2020 Devotions

Day 5: "The Denial"



Luke 22:31-34, 54-62

Peter was conflicted in his relationship with Jesus. He was quick to speak and slow to listen. Jesus saw things in his life that could be overcome by his failure that would destroy his arrogance and confidence in his own abilities.

"Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

- Peter often responded to things that Jesus never inquired about.
- Can you think of things that you are pursuing that the Lord has not asked you to be involved with?

"But Peter followed at a distance."

• Following the Lord at a distance is a divine indicator of our relationship with Him. Can you think of things in your life that you believe put distance between you and the Lord?

"Woman, I do not know Him."

• Is there a sense of shame or embarrassment toward things in your walk of faith that you would not like people to know about?

"Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord..."

 Peter should have focused his attention on the word from Jesus that He was praying for his faith not to fail.

Reflection and Prayer

As believers we should take to heart the reality the Jesus is making intercession for us to prosper in our faith and walk with Him. Peter chose to gather with those who were against Jesus to appear as though he was a spectator to what was happening to Him. The sound of the cock crowing proves three things.

- 1. Jesus prophesied Peter's divided heart.
- 2. Peter would deny Jesus.
- 3. One day he would overcome it all and be able to strengthen people like the person he was at the time of his failure.

Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to someone who is struggling in their walk with Jesus and pray for them. Expose your heart for cleansing from any area that would foster denial of Jesus.