Believers - Fully Known, Fully Loved

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John 13:36-38 Oak Community Church (PCA)

Profound Teaching Missed By Peter

- Jesus taught some of most profound teachings Jn 13:31-35
- Peter seems to have missed importance, instead runs after speculation
- Peter: *Where are you going[36]? Why can't I follow[37]?*
- Peter in effect: 'you need me because I'll lay down my life for you[37']
- Peter forgot Jesus' clear mission[Jn10:11;Mt20:17-19] focuses on self & other things
- We must let Word change us - James 1:22-24

Peter Didn't Focus on the Important Things

- Peter was zealous for Christ but didn't have Christ's priorities
- Peter fought the difficulty of the cross[Mt16:27;Jn13:37] and sought to help[13:37]
- Peter was full of pride[Mt26:33] and self-reliance - thought he could help Jesus
- Peter denied Jesus 3x[Jn18:15-18;25-27]. He was more like Judas than Jesus
- Lesson: Pride blinds us to our weakness Prov 16:18
- Jesus offered grace and help[Mt26:36-38] but Peter didn't heed and slept[Mt26:40]
- Apply: don't be overconfident in your abilities; humble self and seek Jesus
- His Grace to us: Scripture[Rm10:17] & Prayer[Mt26:38]

The Hope of Our Savior's Grace

- See Jesus' grace to Peter
- Jesus warned Peter[38]; Peter plunged forward rather than seeking help
- Apply: Read & Know God's Word – It is always right & will guide[Ps 119:15;WSCQ#90]
- Jesus prayed for Peter[Lk22:31-32] Before Peter's sin Jesus was interceding
- Peter's success depended not on his performance but Jesus' intercession
- Contrast Judas who ran away[Mt27:5] and committed suicide
- Peter grieved but restored[Mt26:75;Jn21:15-19]: Difference: Jesus' intercession[Rm8:34]
- Hymn: *Before the Throne of God Above I have a strong and perfect plea: A great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me...*
- Jesus prays for us and keeps us[Jn6:37]
- Peter initially saw his hope in serving/dying for Jesus[37] but had to learn the Gospel – that Jesus died for sinners
- Peter's letters show us how the Gospel transforms[1Pt1:7]
- Peter the coward before servant girl[Mt26:69] boldly preached Pentecost[Act2:14-41]
- Sinner - Jesus knows your failures & sins, He loves (hesed) you[Eph1:3-6]
- Jesus laid down His life for the sheep – believe[Jn6:40] in Jesus

• What About You?

- Have you ever trusted Jesus as YOUR Savior?
- Jesus was willing for Peter to be broken so he might trust in Christ alone
- Learn from Peter - run to Christ in faith
- Jesus saves us so we might be like Him - walk in Holiness[1Pt1:14-16]
- Ask daily:

  "how could I ever sin against my Savior who loves me so well?"[2Pt3:11]