



Trial to Triumph

(Part 3)

John 18:15-18, 25-27

Sermon Questions:

1. Pray
2. Read John 18:15-18, 25-27.
3. Peter left everything to follow Jesus. He then spent 3 years observing (and participating in) in the miracles and teachings of Jesus. List some of the truths about Jesus that He should have learned.
4. Peter told Jesus he would go to prison and even to death with Him. Then Jesus told him that, instead, Peter would deny Him. How do you think Peter felt? Could it have influenced his actions in the Garden during Jesus' arrest? [proving himself?] How would *you* have felt if Jesus told you that you would fail Him?
5. When Peter followed Jesus into the courtyard and then denied Him, what should or could he have done differently?
6. Read 1 Pet. 3:13-16 and 1 Pet. 5:5-9. Which commands from these verses stand out to you?
7. Think of a time when you have "denied Christ..." Which point from these passages did you fail to live out?
8. Read John 21:15-17 and summarize the passage. What is happening? What does Jesus want Peter to do?
9. List some ways that the restoration of Peter encourages *you* in your life and faith.
10. Read Acts 4:18-21. How has Peter changed since he denied Christ?
11. Spurgeon says, "He perseveres in the falsehood he has spoken. He adds lie to lie and sinks deeper in the mire. Left to himself his course is downward..." What are some reasons people might continue to lie once they have started? What should they do instead?
12. What is one particular application that you took away from this message?