

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)

Sermon: Peter's Failure Teaches Us

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Peter's first denial of Jesus: "I don't even understand what you're talking about" when asked if he knew Jesus. He pretended to be confused.

Problem before the denial: Peter followed Jesus from a distance.

Problem before the distance: Peter was deluded - "Jesus is wrong, I'll never disown him." Arrogant.

Peter's third denial of Jesus: called down curses on himself, swore on an oath that he didn't know Jesus. He absolutely denied Jesus and violated oaths and curses to do so. Catastrophic failure.

Peter remembered Jesus' warning, but before this moment he didn't believe Jesus.

There is a cost of remembering what God said instead of relying on what God said.

Practical Application:

I cannot follow too far behind Jesus, like Peter did. I want to be close to God, every day.

Example: It takes bravery to follow Jesus closely when others don't want to.

Example: Sometimes it's embarrassing and it takes a lot of effort (devotions) to follow Jesus.

Practical Application:

To be close to Christ I must have a consistent, dedicated, prayer time.

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I must be humble. Peter thought he wouldn't fail, but I must acknowledge the reality that failure is always a possibility – especially if I'm not as close to Christ as I should be.

One potential area where I'm a bit too arrogant: _____