

WHO IS THIS MAN?

THE SIN OF SELF-CONFIDENCE

Mark 14:26-31, 66-72 Jeff Schreve

But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away, yet I will not." Mark 14:29

Are you following Peter in the sin of self-confidence?

1. Self-confidence is blind to the omniscience of the Lord.

And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, because it is written, 'I WILL STRIKE DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL BE SCATTERED.'" Mark 14:28

A. Self-confidence does not receive the negative news.

B. Self-confidence does not listen to the positive news.

"But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."
Mark 14:28

2. Self-confidence thinks Jesus doesn't see how strong I am.

And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times." But Peter kept saying insistently, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"
Mark 14:30-31

A. Self-confidence will argue with the Lord.

Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered, "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you shall follow later." Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a cock shall not crow, until you deny Me three times. John 13:36-38

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." And he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!" And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." Luke 22:31-34

B. Self-confidence is rooted in pride.

3. Self-confidence always experiences a rude awakening.

A. We need to remember that our “self” is weak.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Mark 14:38

B. We need to remember that we will fail without Him.

... for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

C. We need to remember that there is forgiveness in the Lord.

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool." Isaiah 1:18

The remedy for self-confidence is to put your eyes on the Lord.