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Mark 14:53-72

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- Two Trials
- Fulfillment of Jesus' prophesy (14:27-31)
- Depiction of what discipleship looks like:

Mark 15:1-39 -> What it means to take up your cross

Mark 8:34-35

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

1. Beware your weakness

Peter's denial of Jesus was:

Unexpected

Never overestimate your ability, or underestimate your humanity



In Peter's own words...

- "You [Jesus] are the Messiah!" (8:29)
- "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here [at Jesus' Transfiguration]" (9:5)
- "We have left everything to follow you!" (10:28)
- "Even if all fall away, I will not." (14:29)
- "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." (14:31)

- "I don't know or understand what you're talking about." (14:68)
- He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." (14:71)

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Peter's denial of Jesus was:

- Unexpected
- Honest
 - 1. It points us to Jesus
 - 2. It models the honest walk of faith
 - 3. It encourages us to respond differently
 - 4. It is real history



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Be honest about shortcomings



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Peter's denial of Jesus was:

- Unexpected
- Honest
- Temporary (cf. Mk 16:7; Jn 21:15-17; Rom 5:20)

Be restored to Jesus after failure



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Peter's denial of Jesus was:

- Unexpected
- Honest
- Temporary
- Completely Natural



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Address your weakness

- Start small, start today
- What are your 2 laps?

Why?!



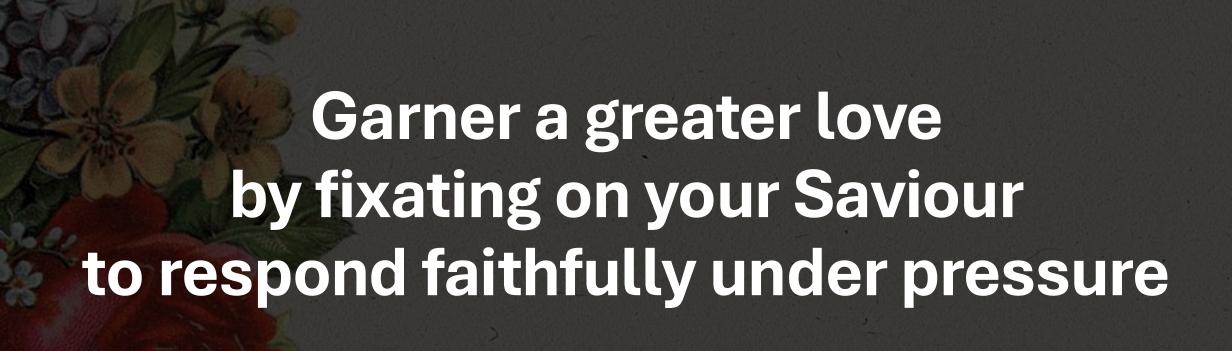
2. Fixate upon your Saviour

- Jesus was innocent
- Jesus was in control
- Jesus was alone
- Jesus was faithful



Romans 5:6-8

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Will you deny yourself and follow Jesus this week?