

**FINDING OURSELVES IN PETER'S STORY  
BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS  
Matt. 26:69-75**

**Why did Peter fall? Matt. 26:69-75**

- He didn't **listen** to God's Word. Matt. 26:31-33; Luke 22:31; John 13:37; Mark 14:31; Gen. 2:16-17; 3:1-7; 1 Cor. 10:1-12
- He was in the **wrong** camp. Matt. 26:69; Luke 22:55; John 18:25; 18:6; 2 Pet. 2:9; 1 Cor. 10:13
- He followed after **Christ** at a distance. Matt. 26:58; Luke 22:54; Gen. 3:8; Ps. 119:11; Heb. 10:24-25
- He was unprepared for **what** was going to happen. Matt. 26:40-41, 45; Luke 22:40, 45-46
- He compounded his **sin** first by deceiving, then denying and finally swearing. Matt. 26:69-72; John 18:25; 1 Sam. 15:1-20; Gen. 20:1-18

**Peter returning to the Lord. Matt. 26:74-75**

- It started when he **heard** the rooster crow. Matt. 26:74-75; Luke 22:61; Matt. 26:34; Luke 22:31-32
- He moved to the **look** of Jesus Christ. Luke 22:60-61; 22:32-33, 54-59; Matt. 28:19-20; John 15:5; Acts 1:8
- He contended with the **words** of Jesus. Matt. 26:75; 34; Luke 22:61; Mark 14:30, 72; Ps. 119:11; Luke 23:42; Ex. 20:1-17; Eccl. 12:1
- Finally he **wept** bitterly. Matt. 26:75; Luke 22:32; 2 Cor. 7:10; 1 John 1:9; Prov. 28:13; Ps. 51:4, 17

**Application.**

- We need to **listen** when God speaks. Matt. 26:34; Ps. 119:11, 104; Gen. 2:16-17; 3:1-7
- We need to be **prepared** for what is ahead. Ps. 119:11, 104; Matt. 26:40-41; 1 Pet. 5:8
- We need to **rely** on the Father not our courage. Luke 22:32; Gal. 5:16; 2 Cor. 5:8