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JESUS FORETELLS PETER'S DEATH

Jesus foretells Peter's death by indicating that his arms will be outstretched against his own will. Peter would eventually be executed in Rome around 65. A.D. under the order of the Roman Emperor Nero. Earth church writers and historians wrote of him being crucified upside down, as he didn't feel worthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Lord.

There's no way God would waste this suffering without me learning. I think it's the growing closer to Him who allowed it while I go through it that's hard to grasp. I've always said, whatever brings you to your knees you'll ultimately see as a gift from God. - Britni

KEEP THE TRAINING WHEELS ON

Luke 22.31-34 // John 6.67-69

"Old Peter" made his big promises in his own strength, and Jesus warned him, telling him that Satan desired to "sift him like wheat." This should cause us to stop in our tracks, knowing how much the enemy hates us.

Too often, believers become confident in their own maturity.

Yet this is a sign of their immaturity.

We ought to always have our training wheels on. As God's Word says, "beware if you think you stand, lest you fall" (1 Corinthians 10.12). And Paul reminds us that if there is anyone who *can* boast and have confidence in their own flesh, it's him, but that he knows better to do so!

STOP LOOKING AROUND

Instead of having our eyes on Christ, it becomes far too easy, and is even instinctual, for us to look around at others and wonder why God is blessing them, and not us. Our eyes are on others, or our eyes are on our circumstances, rather than on the promises of God.

We follow regardless of God's plan for others.

You have been saved for a purpose, and God will work all things for good in your life as He fulfills that purpose in your life. Looking around at others and hoping for something different will do us no good in fulfilling the purpose that God has for us.



This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Mark 1:11

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the Connection Booth outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our 6th - 8th graders begin each Sunday by worshiping with the adults and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our 9th-12th graders stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **John 21.18-25.** What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

It's easy to look at our lives, and the lives of others, and compare. What's an area of life you have recently been comparing and wishing was different? How do Jesus' words to Peter, and the promises of the Gospel, help you to repent of that pining and instead simply follow Him?

Your Life Mission

God will even use your hurts, pains, and misfortunes for His glory. He will grow in you an empathy and care that you would not have otherwise. What relationships in your life would you like prayer for that you are hoping to point to Christ more and more? Let your Gospel Community pray for you and help you as you pursue sharing the Gospel with these loved ones!

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

• Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

o Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.

• Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

o Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.

• Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

- Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.





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