



The Proudful Presumption of Peter

John 13:36-38

I. Pride Prevents You From Hearing Everything (v. 36)

A. What Peter _____ (Jn. 13:33-35; Matt. 22:36-40; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

B. What Peter should have _____ (Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19)

C. What Peter should have been _____ by (Lk. 23:43; Matt. 25:21; Rom. 10:9, 13)

II. Presumption Prevents You From Complete Dependence (vv. 37-38)

A. Peter's _____ (Jn. 6:53, 60, 66, 67-69)

B. Peter's _____ (Matt. 16:21-23)

C. Peter's _____

1. You think you know what _____ is going to do (1 Sam. 15:22-23)

2. You think you know what _____ are going to do (Gen. 20:1-7; 27:18-29; 29:21-28)

3. You think you know what _____ are going to do (Matt. 26:35; Mk. 14:27; Matt. 26:69-74; 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Pet. 3:17; 2 Cor. 12:7-10)

III. Proudful Presumption Meets Its Match in Jesus (v. 38)

A. Peter will not lay down his _____ for Jesus; but Jesus will lay down His life for Peter (Jn. 21:15-17; 18-19)

B. Peter will not _____ Jesus before men; but Jesus will acknowledge Peter before the Father (Matt. 10:32-33; 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Jn. 2:23)

C. Peter will never forget that _____ he got from Jesus; and Jesus will always give that same look to you! (Lk. 22:61-62)

TAKE HOME

- Are there areas of pride in your life that are **preventing** you from hearing or applying God's Word?
- Are there areas of presumption in your life where you are making **assumptions** when instead you should be patient and wait on the Lord?
- If you have ever denied Christ, have you **turned** and looked back at Jesus to see how He is looking at you?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 13:36. After reviewing the context of John 13:33-35, what is the main message that Peter seems to have missed? How did this happen?

2. Read Matt. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17-19. What should have Peter known after hearing Jesus say all these things? What do you sometimes miss or not pick up on that is clearly taught in the Bible? Why?

3. Read John 13:37. What do you like about Peter’s devotion here? What do we read in John 6:66-69? How are you encouraged by this?

4. How do we know that Peter is actually impatient leading to his frustration? What is another example of this? (Matt. 16:21-23) How does Jesus deal with Peter here? How does that make you feel?

5. What are the three different “types” of presumption given in this message? Which one do you struggle with the most? Do you see how presumption is actually “iniquity and idolatry” (1 Sam. 15:23)? Discuss this a little further.

6. Read John 13:38. Now look at Matthew 26:69-74. What do we learn from this? How does 1 Cor. 10:12; 2 Pet. 3:17; and 2 Cor. 12:7-10 apply?

7. Read Matt. 10:32-33; 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Jn. 2:23. Are these verses to be applied to a believer or an unbeliever? Explain your answer. Now read Luke 22:61-62. What encouragement do you receive from this?

8. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? Why? How can you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Utterly unlikely did it seem that a real believer would deny his Lord, and not only so, but at once follow it up with further denials. ... And yet the Lord did not cast him off. He loved even Peter ‘unto the end,’ and after His resurrection sought him out and restored him to fellowship again.”

- A. W. Pink, *Exposition of the Gospel of John*