

**Peter Denies Jesus**  
**John 18:1-24 and Matthew 26:69-75**  
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Peter got himself into some trouble and it happened one step at a time. The same can be true for us if we do not put and keep our eyes on Jesus constantly.

**Peter:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ **follow Jesus and His Words.**

*Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"* **John 18:8-11**

*Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'"* **Matthew 26:31**

*And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.* **John 18:15**

Peter, nor the other disciple, should not have even been near this area or people. Jesus had instructed all to **scatter**, but being "nosy," and doing their own thing, they chose to not listen to the words of God. Peter's desire to **know** or be in the know really cost him. We must remember we don't need to know everything or be in the know, but rather follow God.

**We must follow \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_! That is, we must obey that which we already know.**

- 2) **Therefore, He found Himself \_\_\_\_\_ with danger.**

*But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in. Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?"* **John 18:16-17**

Peter found himself surrounded with \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

This walk which Peter took wasn't an innocent walk, but rather one of disobedience.

One doesn't "fall" into sin or ungodliness overnight, it happens \_\_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

3) He moved from “flirting” to fellowship with the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.* **John 18:18**

Remember, Peter should have never followed Jesus; he would have not been in the company with these people and then tempted and give in to denying Jesus.

We never know how much one act of disobedience will cost us.

“Sin will take you farther than you want to go,  
Keep you longer than you want to stay,  
And cost you more than you want to pay.” (Unknown)

4) His continuous disobedience put him in the position to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Had Peter obeyed the Lord in the beginning, then he would not have denied Jesus.

Peter did not take the Lord’s warning seriously.  
He did not scatter as Jesus instructed.  
Peter did it “his” way.

When we are in the wrong place at the wrong time we are subject to **do** and **say** things you would not have done and said if we had not been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.* **Psalms 1:1-2**

Three areas that specifically “stick out” in regards to being obedient:

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength. *Matthew 22:37*
- Love your neighbors as yourself. *Mark 12:30-31*
- Don’t give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing. *Hebrews 10:25*

**Prayer Focus:**

**-Are you in a place right now where you know you shouldn’t be (disobeying the Lord)?**

**-Have you taken a step of disobedience?**

**-We all would commit to seek God and follow Him.**