

Scripture Passage: Luke 22: 31–38

Story Point: In this passage, Jesus foretells his betrayal by Peter. Peter instantly assures Jesus of his loyalty and seems to wholeheartedly believe that he could never be guilty of betraying Jesus. I wonder what would have happened if Peter would have absorbed Jesus' words more thoughtfully and humbly, instead of immediately defending himself and being so sure he knew his own heart? In God's marvelous sovereignty, he weaves Peter's betrayal and even our own sin and failings into his plan to glorify himself, but that doesn't excuse our sin or give us a reason not to fight it with all our might. Peter meant what he said. He wanted his loyalty to be true and he thought it would be true. But once Jesus was taken away from him and he was on his own, his weakness was revealed. As believers living after the resurrection, we have the great advantage of the Holy Spirit living inside us. We are never without Jesus, and it is only through his strength that we have the power to fight against sin. In this life it will be a constant battle, but we have assurance, through the resurrection of Jesus, that the victory is guaranteed and one day we will be made perfect.

(Some ideas and text taken from "In Him All Things" website)

Discussion Questions:

- In what area(s) do you struggle with pride and overconfidence in your giftings?
- How would it be an advantage in the fight against sin to not be overconfident in ourselves?
- How can we use the warnings in Scripture to give ourselves an advantage in the fight against sin?
- What weapons do you use in the battle against sin?



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