

# PETER DENIED JESUS

John 18:15-18; 25-27

## PETER FAILED MISERABLY...



- We hate to see Peter fail since he was so **genuine**. If you wish a disciple to succeed, it would be him.
- After all he was very **committed** (if not the most committed)
- Yet he failed miserably on this day (John 13:37-38)
- **Why** did Peter fail? **What** can we learn from his behavior?

## PETER REMAINED AS HE PROMISED...



- First, let us remember that he **stayed around** (v.15)
- The rest of them just ran away (read Matt. 26:35; Mark 14:50-52) John may have stayed too
- This is important: He was **committed**, and with his commitment he could follow for a while, relying on his own **determination** (we all can)
- But such **willpower** will not last...have you tried that?

## FAILED AT THE GATE (V.15-17)



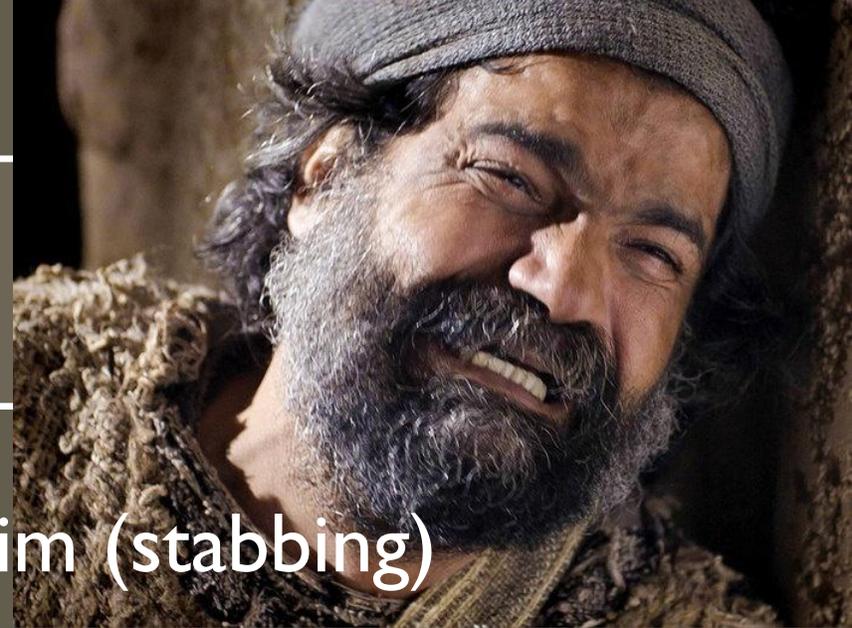
- Let us examine each time when Peter failed:
- The first place to stumble for Peter was at the **gate**
- In order to **enter** he chose to **compromise**
- Where do you want to enter in this world? (or to accomplish) Be aware of **compromises**
- Your intention may be wonderful. But a white lie is still a lie. It always leads to more lies

## FAILED BY THE FIRE (V. 18, 25)



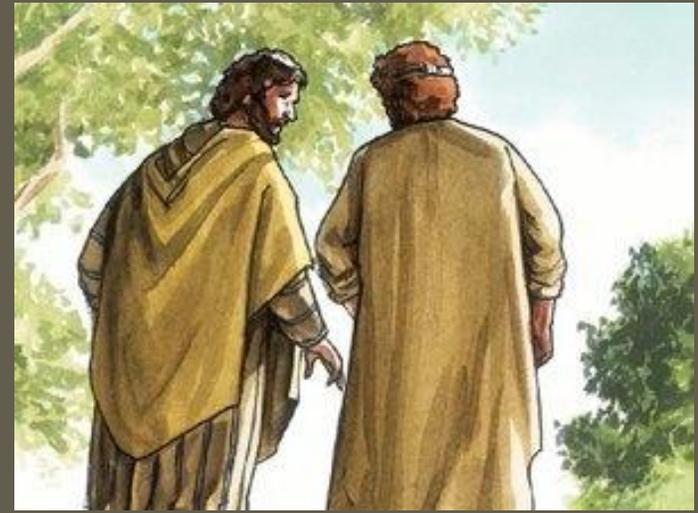
- The second place he stumbled was by the **fire**
- There may be nothing wrong in seeking “warmth” and **comfort** in this world. But **where** the comfort comes from matters a great deal
- Because Peter should not be standing there. Standing often becomes **lingering** (Psalm 1)
- Where are you lingering these days? Should you be there?

## FAILED WITH HIS GUILT (V.26)



- Finally, his sins in the past came back to him (stabbing)
- He now felt **vulnerable** from his guilt. And when people feel guilty, they do **foolish** things.
- What should we do with our guilt? Often we either ignore it (make light of it), or let the guilt crushes us
- “For God sakes” God forgives our sins (Ps. 25:11; Isa. 43:25; 1 John 2:12) not that our sin is **light**, but God’s **love** is greater

## CONCLUSION



- Although we have failed in the past, let us never forget that God's love is greater (Jesus looked at Peter, Luke 22:61)
- Let us be aware at the gate of compromise
- Let us be aware at the fire (comfort) of this world
- Let us be aware at the guilt of our past