

Faith Under Pressure

The Ultimate Triumph – Part 8

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Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind ...

Matthew 7:13-14 (ESV) “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

1. Confronting our _____

Luke 22:54-55 (ESV) Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

Luke 22:56-57 (ESV) Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.”

Luke 22:58-60a (ESV) And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with

him, for he too is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.”

2. Embracing _____

Luke 22:60b-61 (ESV) And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.”

Luke 22:62 (ESV) And he went out and wept bitterly.

3. Standing firm in _____

Luke 22:63-65 (ESV) Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

Luke 22:66-68 (ESV) When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer.

Luke 22:69-71 (ESV) But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

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Intro. What kind of pressures do you face in your life?

How are we tempted to be conformed to the world (Romans 12:2a)?

What does Jesus tell us about the dangers of following the crowd in Matthew 7:13-14?

How can we be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2b)?

1A. Why do you think Peter was the only disciple following Jesus to His trial (Luke 22:54-55)?

1B. Why kind of pressure tempted Peter to deny knowing Jesus (Luke 22:56-57)?

1C. What prompted the people to keep confronting Peter with his association with Jesus (Luke 22:58-60a)?

1D. In what ways may we be tempted to deny Jesus in our lives?

2A. What do you think was in Jesus' eyes as He looked at Peter (Luke 22:60b-61)?

2B. What is the evidence that Peter repented of his sin of denial in Luke 22:62?

2C. Why is repentance such an important part of the Christian life? Why do you sometimes procrastinate to repent?

3A. What was behind the cruel treatment of Jesus by the Jewish leaders (Luke 22:63-65)?

3B. Why did Jesus not get in an argument about who He was (Luke 22:66-68)?

3C. How did Jesus confirm that He was indeed the Messiah in Luke 22:69-71)?

3D. In what ways can Jesus' example encourage you to stand firm in the truth in the face of pressure?