

Peter: The Transformed Life

Bravado to Betrayal, Broken to Bold (Matthew 26; Mark 6; John 6; Luke 22)

From Bravado to Betrayal

Bravado in Your heart and with your Words

- They are at the last supper, the Passover meal.
- Jesus says one will betray him.
- They all question one another about which one they thought would do his.
- They argue over who is the greatest.
 - Luke - He speaks to them about being a servant and says that,
 - ²⁸ *"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."*

Matthew 26:30-35; Mark 14:26-31; John 13:36-38; Luke 22:31-34 (a harmony)

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward."

Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, truly, truly, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Peter said to him emphatically, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

You will ALL fall away

- Zechariah 13:7 – "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered."
 - God delivered the shepherd to be smitten.
- Knew they would all fall away –
 - Fall away – trip up, stumble, be enticed to sin or apostasy.
- The sheep will Scatter!

Why Can't I Follow?

- I Will Follow!
- You don't think it is in me to follow?

Me?

- FOLLOW
 - I am associated with you.
 - I attend what you attend.
 - I accompany you.
 - I am established with you.
 - We are in this together.
 - Why do you doubt that can follow you?

More than that:

I will go to prison for you.

- Wherever this movement is taking us. I will face prison with you.
- They have been after us for some time.
- If this is the night.... So be it.

More than that:

Lay down my life – I will LIVE for you!

- Not just prison, if it comes to that.
- I will set it and fix it.
- It is established.
- I am Committed!!!
- My life is fixed with your life.

More than That!

I will die for you.

- It is one thing to live for someone.
- It is another to die for them.

Even if they do...I won't!

- I will NEVER!
 - They all said the same...
- You Will...
 - This NIGHT...
 - Deny me – utterly disown me (totally refuse to even recognize)

Jesus makes it clear!

YOU ARE GOING TO BE SHAKEN!

Satan, the Accuser is going to shake you!

- Satan demanded – (1 occurrence) beg earnestly for, properly, to request a full "handing over" (a complete "take-over")
 - Here Satan requests Peter be completely removed out of God's hands – and be put totally in his power. (What a frightening place to land!)

- Sift – the Greek word (*siniazo*- sin-ee-ad'-zo) only used once in the Bible.
 - prove by trials, winnow, by inward agitation to try one's faith to the verge of overthrow.
 - YOU ARE GOING TO BE SHAKEN! Let's see what is in you!
- Barnes - So Christ says that Satan desired to try Peter; to place trials and temptations before him; "**to agitate him" to see whether anything of faith would remain**, or whether all would not be found to be chaff - mere natural ardor (spiritual person who relies on intuition) and false professions.
- Satan picks Peter because he had shown so much faith. Walking on water, proclaiming Christ the Lord, his emphatic position at the table.
 - If he gets Peter... they all fall

Jesus the Defender is standing for you

- But Jesus prayed- I beg, request, beseech, made the appeal, I longed for, I made supplication
 - First person – middle voice – This was very personal to Jesus – he had very strong emotions about this.
 - That **your faith** may not fail.
- You will Fall
- You will Deny
- You will choose momentarily not to follow

BUT DO NOT LET YOUR FAITH FAIL!

And when you have turned again

- Jesus saw that Peter would return
- He knew that Peter would lead
- He saw that Peter would be strong
 - Strengthen your brothers.
 - He would strengthen the others

Bravado with your actions when you still see victory

Luke 22:36-39, 49-51; Matthew 26:52-53; John 18:10-11

And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." 38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

Pastor Interjection

Jesus prays and they fall asleep, Judas arrives with guards and betrays the Lord with a kiss.

Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them, 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.) But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; "For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

On the way to the garden - Buy a sword

- Have a sword – What?
- Fulfilled Isaiah 53:12
 - *Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.*

Once Jesus was arrested... Peter saw that whatever kingdom Jesus was going to establish was not going to take place.

- He believed in who Jesus was.
- He was ready to die alongside for the kingdom shift that was to come.
- Came prepared to fight... and yes die right there in the garden.
- Might have waiting for the angels to come.

But now, his belief was tested.

The Victory he thought would happen, did not come about the way he thought.

It looked like defeat.

- I want to point out that Peter was ready to fulfil what he said he would do. He drew the sword.
- He was ready to battle these guards.
- He thought this was the moment. The rebellion starts now.
- When things still look like they are going as planned and your strength is with you, you can walk in power and strength.
- You have had powerful moments of faith and strength.

- The question arises when what you have been expecting from God does not go the way you thought or the way you prayed.
- That is when faith and belief begin to falter.
- Your faith in God's promises is questioned
- Your faith in god's presence is questioned
- Your faith in god's purpose is questioned

This is the moment when you are sifted! You are shaken!

This is when your Bravado can move to Betrayal

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Betrayal of Belief

Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18; 25-27

Then they seized him and led him away, Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in.

And when they had kindled a fire, below, in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

Then a servant girl, who was at the door, and seeing Peter warming himself, as he sat in the light, looked closely at him, and said,

“You also were with the Galilean, the Nazarene, Jesus. You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you? This man also was with him.”

” But he denied it before them all, saying, “I am not. I do not know nor understand what you mean. Woman, I do not know him.”

Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. And when he went out to the entrance, into the gateway and the rooster crowed. And a little later Simon Peter was standing and warming himself and someone else, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” “This man is one of them.” “You also are one of them.” So they, the bystanders, said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?”

And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man. Man, I am not.”

And after an interval of about an hour still another, one of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” and they insisted, “You too are a Galilean, your accent betrays you.”

Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man. I do not know this man of whom you speak. Man, I do not know what you are talking about.”

And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows twice today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out, broke down, and wept bitterly.”

FROM BROKEN TO BEAUTY

Bitterly Broken,

He Remembered – Jesus words

- He recalled, they came to mind, he became mindful of
 - You will betray me
 - You will deny me
 - You will be tested

He went out

He broke down

- He threw himself down
- He cast himself down
- To seize one – he was seized by this grief

He wept bitterly

- Mourned, lamented
- Aloud
- Uncontainable audible grief
- Bitterly - violently
- Maybe you have wept like this when something has happened to you or when someone hurt you.
- Have you wept like this over your own actions? Your own words? The sin you have done against others? Against God?
- This is what repentance looks like -

He Remembered – Jesus words

- He recalled, they came to mind, he became mindful of
 - I have prayed for you
 - Your faith will fail
 - You will return
 - You will strengthen your brothers

Breakfast of Healing / Beauty Beheld

From Broken to Bold

Acts 4:19; Acts 3:15; Acts 3:12,15; Acts 4:10,13; 2 Peter 2:16

“Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

...“but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”

...“Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? You handed him over to be killed, you disowned him, You killed the author of life, It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead...”

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.