

Moving From Regret To Restoration

Luke 22:31-34

31. "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.
32. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."
33. But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."
34. Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Mark 14:72 - Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." **And he broke down and wept.**

1. Jesus prays for us!

Luke 22:31-32a - "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.

John 17:9-20

9. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
10. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.
11. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.
12. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.
13. "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.
14. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.
15. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
17. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.
18. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.
19. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

20. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

Heb. 7:23-25

23. Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

24. but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

25. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

2. Jesus understands us!

Luke 22:33-34 - But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Psalms 139:1-3 - O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

2 Cor.12:9 - ""My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

3. Jesus shares His ministry with us!

Luke 22:34b - And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Gen. 4:7 - If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."