

## Message Notes

The look that stung

**Introduction:** I was on sabbatical, but I'm back!

Our trip to Yellowstone

If it can happen to them...

### The Gospel of Luke

Today's message

Luke 22:54-62

The Setting (22:54-55)

The heart-breaking story of Peter's denial (22:56-60)

The look that stung (22:61a)

Other times when Jesus looked at Peter

(John 1:40-42, Luke 9:18-20)

Peter's response to his own denial of Jesus (22:61b-62)

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### Gospel Application

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## Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

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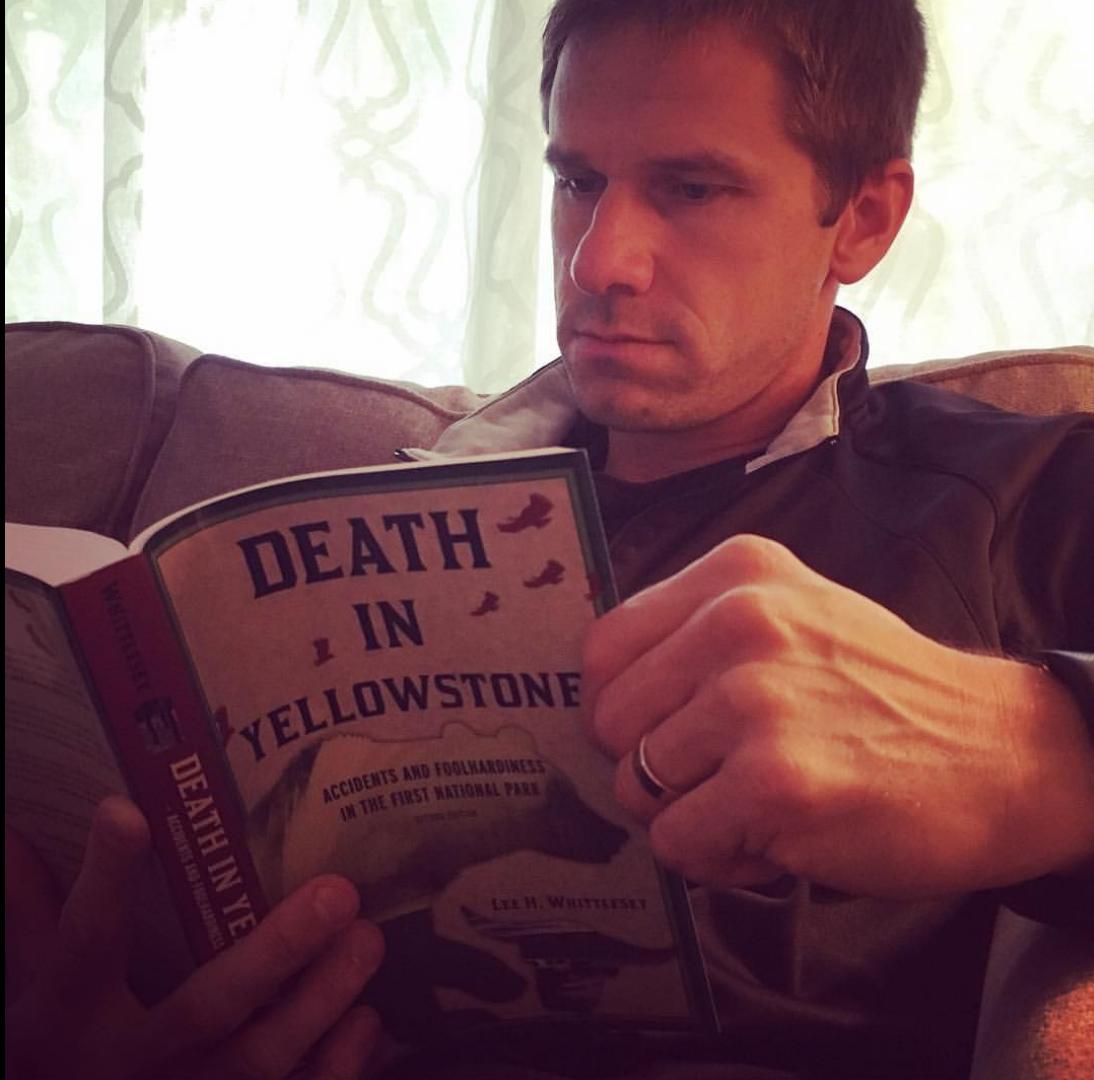












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The Glory of The Cross  
Luke 19:45 to Luke 24:49

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# Other times when Jesus looked at Peter

John 1:40-42

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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Luke 9:18-20

18 Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?” 19 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.” 20 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”

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# What did Peter remember?

Luke 22:31-34

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of 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.”

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**Luke 22:24**

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**Luke 22:33**

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## #3 - Unwillingness to pray

Luke 22:40, 45-46

40 On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation” ... 45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

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## #4 - Misdirected zeal

**Luke 22:49**

49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

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## #5 - Denial of knowing Jesus

Luke 22:57

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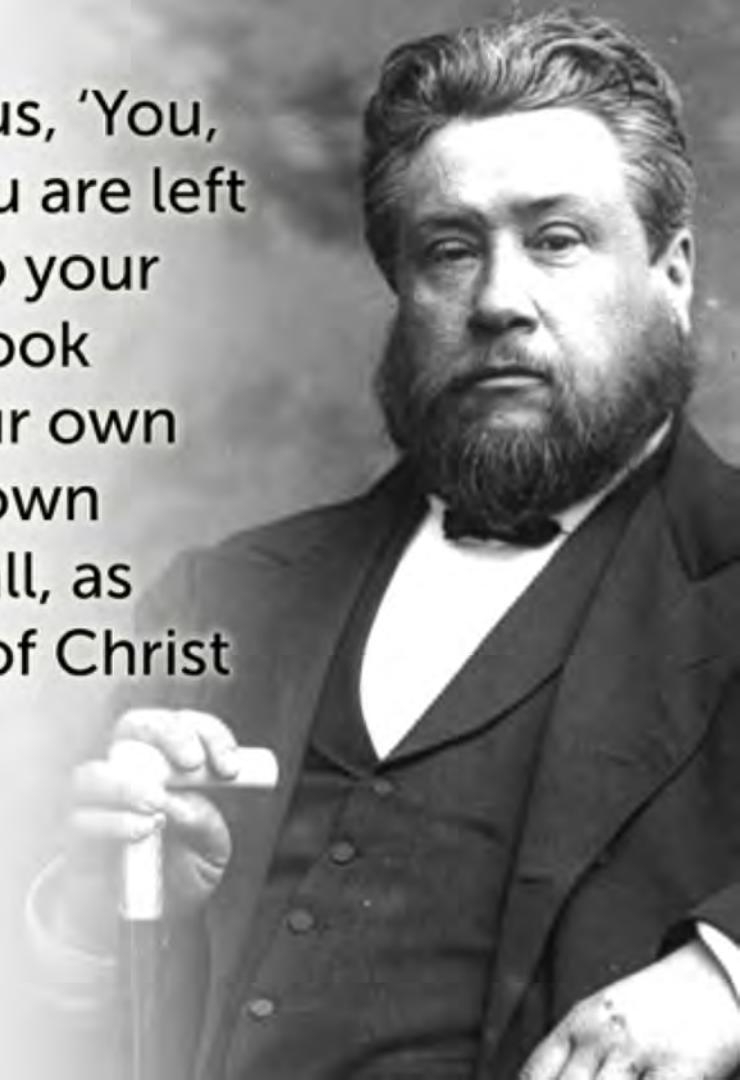
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"Peter's fall seems to say to each of us, 'You, too, are weak. You, too, will fall if you are left to yourself. Therefore trust wholly to your Master, but never trust in yourself. Look always to Him and rely not upon your own experience, or the firmness of your own resolutions—for you will assuredly fall, as Peter did, unless the almighty hand of Christ shall hold you up.'"

CHARLES SPURGEON



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John 21:15-19

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” 16 He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him

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“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” 19 (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”