**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you loved Jesus Christ more than you love Him now?
      1. If the answer is “yes,” then you need a revival.
         1. To cease to be better is to cease to be good.
         2. To fail to grow in the Lord is to be backslidden.
      2. There are those who, perhaps, do not love the Lord as much as they once did; others are cold and indifferent.
      3. To some, Jesus Christ is a bright, living reality; to others, Jesus seems far away and is someone they may think about from time to time.
      4. There are those who have prayers continually bubbling in their hearts and are living a life of constant praise; others have allowed little sins to come into their hearts and lives.
         1. Do you find yourself watching movies and television programs that you would not have watched before?
         2. Do you find yourself being lax in church attendance?
         3. Can you go a full day and hardly think of God?
         4. Are your prayers brief and hurried?
         5. Do you no longer take time to be quiet and holy before God?
            1. You need revival.
   2. Luke 22:31-34
      1. This passage tells the story of a man who had a personal revival.
      2. Simon Peter failed and failed miserably, but there was the dawning of a new day for him.
         1. There can be for each of us the dawning of a new day within our hearts.
         2. God is merciful, God forgives, He restores, and He revives.
      3. Simon Peter failed, but God was not through with him.
         1. And God is not through with us.
            1. No matter how badly we may have failed, God is not finished with us.
         2. Failure need not be final.
   3. God wants to revive and restore us, and He wants to put His joy back in our hearts.
   4. Why did Simon Peter fail?
      1. He was arguing when he should have been listening.
         1. Matthew 16:21-23
         2. Jesus had spoken to His disciples many times about His coming crucifixion, and Peter wouldn’t accept it.
            1. Peter would not believe the word of God.
         3. We need to guard against watering down the Scripture by putting our own interpretation and spin on it, instead of simply believing what God’s Word says.
      2. He was boasting when he should have been depending.
         1. Luke 22:33-34
         2. Peter was naturally bold and aggressive; he had confidence and courage.
            1. John 21:7
            2. Matthew 14:28-29
            3. John 18:10
         3. Most people fail, not at their point of weakness, but at their point of strength.
         4. Peter was depending upon his strength.
         5. The Bible contains examples of saints who failed at the point of their strength.
            1. Abraham’s strength was his faith.

He failed at the point of his faith.

Genesis 12:11-13

* + - * 1. The Bible says that Moses was the meekest man who ever lived; that was his strength.

Numbers 12:3

Moses, the meekest man, became a murderer.

Exodus 2:11-12

* + - * 1. David’s strength was his integrity.

2 Samuel 11:2-4

At the point of his integrity is where David fell.

* + - 1. We need to guard against depending upon our own ability and boasting about our Christian life.
    1. He was sleeping when he should have been praying.
       1. Luke 22:44-46
       2. The Lord knows we need rest, but there are times when we sleep or rest too much.
          1. There are times when other pleasures come before the Lord Jesus Christ.
          2. Are you asleep?

Do the things that break the heart of Jesus also break yours?

* + - 1. Luke 11:4
         1. Jesus taught us to pray not only for our daily bread, but also for our daily protection.
         2. We need to put on the armor of God each morning.
    1. He was fighting when he should have been loving and sharing.
       1. Luke 22:33
          1. Again, Peter failed at his strongest point.
          2. Oswald Chambers said that an unguarded strength is a double weakness.
       2. Simon Peter had the wrong enemy.
          1. Luke 22:50

Simon Peter cut off Malchus’ ear.

Ephesians 6:12

* + - * 1. Malchus was a servant of the high priest; he was a slave who was doing what he was told to do.

Malchus himself was a victim.

* + - * 1. The devil likes to get flesh fighting flesh.
      1. Simon Peter had the wrong weapon.
         1. John 18:11
         2. Simon Peter had a sword.
         3. Our battle is against the powers of darkness.

Only the reviving power of God can overcome the powers of darkness.

* + - * 1. 2 Corinthians 10:4

The weapons of our warfare:

Faith

Prayer

Surrender

Obedience

Revival

The devil cannot stand against these weapons of our warfare.

* + - 1. Simon Peter had the wrong energy.
         1. Luke 22:44-50
         2. Peter had been sleeping instead of praying, and he awakens in the energy of the flesh.

In his flesh, he is trying to defend Jesus when Jesus wanted to defend Peter.

* + - * 1. Peter is full of zeal, but it is misguided zeal.

The cause of Christ has been hurt more in the house of His friends than in the house of His enemies.

We need to walk in the Spirit rather than fight in the flesh.

* + - 1. Simon Peter had the wrong attitude.
         1. James 1:20
         2. Simon Peter was angry.

We can have a holy indignation and be moved with anger over sin, but we need to be careful not to have misguided, unbridled anger.

* 1. Simon Peter had boasted and was certain that he would not fail, but he did fall.
     1. 1 Corinthians 10:12
     2. One reason we don’t pray is because of our boastful spirit.
        1. Our prayerlessness is an indication of our pride.
           1. We believe we are capable of handling things ourselves without God’s help.
  2. Simon Peter learned three things about Jesus when a new day dawned, the day the rooster crowed.
     1. There can also be a new day for us.
        1. God is a God of mercy.
        2. God is a God of revival.

1. HE LEARNED THE SOVEREIGN CONTROL OF JESUS (Luke 22:60-61)
   1. While Peter was still speaking, the rooster crowed.
      1. This was a miracle.
         1. At the precise moment, just as Jesus had said it would happen, it happened.
   2. The Lord is still in control; He has complete dominion.
      1. Psalm 8:6-8
      2. Jesus has dominion over the beasts of the field.
         1. John 12:14-15
            1. The donkey Jesus rode had never been ridden before.
      3. Jesus has control over the fish in the sea.
         1. Luke 5:1-9
         2. Matthew 17:27
      4. Jesus has control over the fowl of the air.
   3. Simon Peter thought that things were getting out of hand.
      1. His doubt led to discouragement.
         1. He had not been listening.
         2. He had not been praying.
         3. He had not been understanding.
            1. Jesus, the Messiah, was arrested and led away; He was beaten and bruised.

Why didn’t Jesus do something?

* + 1. His discouragement led to denial.
  1. Though he did not understand why things were happening as they were that day, Peter learned when the rooster crowed that God is still in control.
     1. No matter what happens in our lives and even when prayers seem to go unanswered, God is still in control.
     2. Where God does not rule, He overrules.
     3. God is moving us to His purpose.
        1. Simon Peter did not understand all that was happening that day, and that was one of the reasons why He denied the Lord Jesus.

1. HE LEARNED THE SYMPATHETIC COMPASSION OF JESUS (Luke 22:61)
   1. Peter learned that Jesus had never stopped loving him.
      1. Peter denied the Lord.
      2. In unspeakable agony on the way to the cross, Jesus took time to give a look of love to Peter, a backslidden disciple.
   2. God does not change us so He can love us; God loves us so He can change us.
      1. No matter what you’ve done, God loves you.
      2. God loves you just as you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way.
   3. Luke 22:31-32
      1. The Lord prayed for Peter, and He never forsook Peter.
   4. The Lord loves you today.
      1. Jesus is in control.
         1. If it doesn’t make sense to you, that doesn’t mean that it does not make sense.
         2. If we cannot see God working, it doesn’t mean that God is not working.
      2. He loves you; Jesus has a sympathetic compassion toward you.
2. HE LEARNED THE STEADFAST COMMITMENT OF JESUS (Luke 22:61)
   1. Peter remembered the Word of the Lord.
      1. Luke 22:31-32
         1. Jesus Christ had made a steadfast commitment to Peter.
            1. 2 Timothy 2:13
   2. Jesus will see us through.
      1. If we are truly saved, He will never let us go.
   3. Luke 22:31
      1. The word “desired” in this passage literally means that Satan asked for permission.
         1. Satan can do nothing outside the will of God.
         2. Satan is always on a leash.
      2. Satan wanted to harm Job, but God set boundaries.
         1. Job 1:12
         2. Job 2:6
      3. Satan wanted to sift Simon Peter like wheat.
         1. The name “Peter” means “rock.”
         2. The name “Simon” means “that which is unstable, shifty.”
         3. In this passage in Luke, the Lord does not call him “the rock” because Peter the rock is turning to sand.
      4. Wheat is sifted to get the impurities out.
         1. Satan wants to use those impurities against us; he wants to use them to accuse us.
         2. Jesus allows sifting so that He can cleanse us; He wants us to be pure.
   4. When we go through trouble, we need to understand the difference between satanic accusation and Holy Spirit conviction.
      1. Satan will point out the sin in our lives to accuse us.
         1. The result of this accusation is despondency and fear.
      2. The result of conviction is repentance, cleansing and victory.
      3. Do not let the devil condemn you when Jesus Christ wants to cleanse you by convicting you.
   5. The Lord Jesus prayed for Simon Peter.
      1. He was not finished with Peter.
      2. There is a Savior in the glory today praying for us.
         1. He wants those of us who are saved to have revival.
      3. Hebrews 7:25
3. CONCLUSION
   1. If, like Simon Peter, you have failed, God is a God of fresh beginnings.
   2. When the rooster crowed, a new day was dawning for Simon Peter.
      1. There can be a new day dawning for you.
      2. No matter all of the heartaches and tears you’ve faced, Jesus is still in control.
      3. No matter how you may have failed, He still has compassion.
      4. No matter your disobedience, His commitment is still toward you; and He will see you through.
   3. The decision is up to us whether we want revival or to go on being sifted.
      1. Ask the Lord to revive you today.
         1. To forgive any indifference, carelessness, boastfulness and prayerlessness in your life.
   4. If you do not know Jesus Christ as Lord, you can be saved today.
   5. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   6. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16