

### **Pride Before a Fall (John 13:36-38)**

- Lack of faith, carnality, childishness: things Jesus dealt with his disciples
- Jesus' heart was heavy & He desired to prepare His disciples before the cross
- The disciples were still confused & Peter highlights their carnal thinking.
- If Jesus had to go, Peter insisted he would go with him no matter what.
- Peter's question & Jesus' answer reveal sincerity but also his pride

#### **I. Curiosity (13:36,37)**

- Peter's question: Where was Jesus going? (v.36) Lord I'm going with you
- Peter had forgotten Jesus said, "where [he is] going you cannot come"
- Peter/ disciples thought of an earthly kingdom of triumph (nationalistic)

#### **II. Confidence (13: 37)**

- vs37 Peter, "why can't I come with you now, I will lay down my life for you"
- 1) Peter thought he could face suffering for Jesus (Luke 22:31-33)
  - 2) Peter believed he would be more faithful than the other disciples (Matt 26:33)
  - 3) Peter was confident that he would never fail Jesus

#### **III. Consequences (13:38)**

- Jesus didn't debate the matter with Peter, he had to learn his flesh was weak
- Jesus quietly predicts Peter's failure: three times he would deny his Lord
- What Jesus said to Peter didn't even seem to slow Peter down
- The Lord would use a rooster to signal the failure of Peter in his pride
- When Peter had come to the end of himself, Christ would restore him
- Peter went on to be a key leader in the New Testament church but not until he learned that pride comes before the fall, & that the flesh profits for nothing
- All the best & most sincere intentions in the world, all the zeal & and human strength will fail until Christ gives us power & strength in His Spirit