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SESSION III-1

WHY DO WE HIDE?



TO DENIAL AND BACK

PART I

(from Matthew 26)

NARRATOR: ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus told them,

JESUS: “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

NARRATOR: ³³ Peter replied,

PETER: “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

JESUS: ³⁴ “Truly I tell you...this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

NARRATOR: ³⁵ But Peter declared,

PETER: “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

NARRATOR: And all the other disciples said the same. ³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them,

JESUS: “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

NARRATOR: ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them,

JESUS: “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

NARRATOR: ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed,

JESUS: “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

NARRATOR: ⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.

JESUS: “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?”

NARRATOR: ...he asked Peter.

JESUS: ⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

NARRATOR: ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed,

JESUS: “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

NARRATOR: ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them,

JESUS: “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

NARRATOR: ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people...

⁵⁵ ...Jesus said to the crowd,

JESUS: “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

NARRATOR: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. ⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome... ⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him.

SERVANT GIRL 1: “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,”

NARRATOR: ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all.

PETER: “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

NARRATOR: ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there,

SERVANT GIRL 2: “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

NARRATOR: ⁷² He denied it again, with an oath:

PETER: “I don’t know the man!”

NARRATOR: ⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said,

SERVANT GIRLS 1 + 2: “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

NARRATOR: ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them,

PETER: “I don’t know the man!”

NARRATOR: Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken:

JESUS: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

NARRATOR: And he went outside and wept bitterly.

PART II

(John 21:1-19)

NARRATOR: 1 Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

PETER: 3 “I’m going out to fish,”

NARRATOR: ...Simon Peter told them, and they said,

OTHER DISCIPLES: “We’ll go with you.”

NARRATOR: So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. 5 He called out to them,

JESUS: “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

OTHER DISCIPLES: “No,”

NARRATOR: ...they answered. 6 He said,

JESUS: “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”

NARRATOR: When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter,

JOHN: “It is the Lord!”

NARRATOR: As soon as Simon Peter heard him say,

JOHN: “It is the Lord,”

NARRATOR: ...he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. 8 The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. 9 When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. 10 Jesus said to them,

JESUS: “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”

NARRATOR: 11 So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them,

JESUS: “Come and have breakfast.”

NARRATOR: None of the disciples dared ask him,

OTHER DISCIPLES: “Who are you?”

NARRATOR: They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,

JESUS: “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

PETER: “Yes, Lord...you know that I love you.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: “Feed my lambs.”

NARRATOR:¹⁶ Again Jesus said,

JESUS: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

NARRATOR: He answered,

PETER: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: “Take care of my sheep.”

NARRATOR:¹⁷ The third time he said to him,

JESUS: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

NARRATOR: Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time,

JESUS: “Do you love me?”

NARRATOR: He said,

PETER: “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

NARRATOR: ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him,

JESUS: “Follow me!”