



# SERMON NOTES

## PETER

*A FLAWED, YET FAITHFUL  
FOLLOWER OF JESUS*

**Week 4 (August 23):**

**“I Will Not Deny You”**

***Matthew 26:33-35, Luke 22:54-62***

### **I. Review/Introduction**

- A. When we look at Simon Peter, we see both a \_\_\_\_\_ person and yet someone striving to be a faithful disciple of Jesus.
- B. Jesus and the disciples leave Capernaum and make their way south to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Passover.

### **II. You Will Never Wash My Feet**

- A. The lowest of the household servants would wash the \_\_\_\_\_ of the guests.
- B. Jesus is saying “to be his follower is to be a \_\_\_\_\_.”
- C. Serving others is a key to \_\_\_\_\_ in almost everything in life.

### **III. I Will Not Deny You**

- A. Peter was sincere when he said he would never \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- B. Peter didn’t just desert Jesus, he \_\_\_\_\_ even knowing him.
- C. We all deny Jesus at times through our \_\_\_\_\_ or inactions.
- D. Telling the stories of how we \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people and helps them find hope.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION

During the Last Supper, Jesus predicted that all the disciples would soon abandon him and that Peter would deny knowing him three times. Peter adamantly proclaimed that he would never desert or deny knowing Jesus. However, before the night was over, Peter not only deserted Jesus but he denied knowing him three times. It's a night that Peter would talk about over and over again. If Peter's story is our story, what can we learn from Peter's failure?

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### Monday: John 13:1-10

The story in John 13 encourages us to ask this question: Are you worried about who appears to be the greatest, or are we focused on humbly serving others?" What's your answer? Has it changed over time?

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### Tuesday: Mark 14:27-31

Do you believe the disciples would have handled things any better if Jesus had given them a pep talk rather than this somber warning? Spiritually, which is more important for you—to believe you've got the strength to handle anything, or to be aware that you need to rely on God's power, which is greater than yours?

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### Wednesday: Luke 22:31-34

Jesus told Peter, "I have prayed for you that your faith won't fail." As most of us already know, at the end of this story, Peter's faith did buckle, moving him to deny even knowing Jesus. Did that mean that God did not answer Jesus' prayer? What is the point of praying for someone else when we realize that God will not take away their moral freedom, and force them to do the (good) thing we'd like to see them do?

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### Thursday: Mark 14:32-38

If any human ever had a direct connection to God, it was Jesus. Yet he asked his three closest friends to be with him, stay alert and pray. Do you try to hide your hurts and your needs from your friends, to handle them on your own? Or are you, like Jesus, open to asking people you trust for the friendship and support you need?

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### Friday: Luke 22:49-51, John 18:3-12

Later Jesus told the Roman procurator Pilate, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight.... My kingdom isn't from here." Peter tried to fight, and Jesus stopped him. We still live in a world where violence often feels like the only viable response to evil. Is it? To what extent do you believe Jesus was right, and to what extent was his situation different from "real life"?

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## MOVING FORWARD

We probably won't deny Jesus with our words like Peter, but we all will deny Jesus at times by our actions or inactions. When that happens, we seek forgiveness and remember that God is a God of second chances. Our lives are not defined by our worst or most embarrassing moment. Our failure may very well be something God can use in our ministry in the future. Telling the stories of how we failed on our faith journey encourages people and helps them find hope.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) flawed, B) Jerusalem. IIA) feet, B) servant, C) success. IIIA) desert, B) denied, C) actions, D) failed.*

# 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

## “Key Themes” Bible Reading Plan

The ‘key theme’ for this week’s scripture passage is ‘Care for Needy.’ Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the ‘SOAP’ method of reading scripture.

**Scripture** - First read the scripture passage.

**Observation** - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that’s relevant to your life and write it down.

**Application** - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

**Pray** - Pray about what you just read.

### Week of August 23, 2020

**Monday:** Leviticus 25

**Tuesday:** Psalm 10

**Wednesday:** Psalm 82

**Thursday:** 2 Corinthians 9

**Friday:** 1 Timothy 5

### Full Key Themes Plan

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalm 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalm 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God’s Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalm 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalm 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalm 10	Psalm 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalm 29	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalm 25	Psalm 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalm 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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