



Part 12

**Called to Pass All of
God's Tests and Trials**

Luke 22:54

**So they arrested Jesus and led him
to the high priest's home. And Peter
followed at a distance.**

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The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.

Luke 22:56

A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, “This man was one of Jesus’ followers!”

Luke 22:57

**But Peter denied it. “Woman,”
he said, “I don’t even know him!”**

Luke 22:58

After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!”

“No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.

Luke 22:59

About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.”

Luke 22:60

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Luke 22:62

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weeping bitterly.**

Luke 22:63

**The guards in charge of Jesus
began mocking and beating him.**

Luke 22:64

**They blindfolded him and said,
“Prophecy to us! Who hit you
that time?”**

Luke 22:65

**And they hurled all sorts
of terrible insults at him.**

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Peter's Preparation

- When they first meet, Jesus tells Simon that he has a special identity in God's kingdom (John 1:42).
- Jesus Calls Simon to Follow Him after the miraculous catch (Matt. 4:18-22, Mark 1:16-18, Luke 5:1-11).

Peter's Preparation

- **Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law**
(Mark 1:29-34, Luke 4:38-40)
- **Simon walks on water with Jesus**
(Matt 14:22-36, Mark 6:45-56)
- **He affirms Peter's name and that he has heard God directly (Mat 16:13)**

Peter's Preparation

- **Peter Witnesses Christ's Transfiguration (Matt 17:1-13)**
- **Peter Makes his Foolish Vow (Matt. 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, Luke 22:33)**
- **Christ Prays for Peter's faith not to fail (Lk 22:31-32).**

Peter's Preparation

- **Peter's Denial (John 18:15-27)**
- **The Angel's Message (Mark 16:7)**
- **Resurrected Jesus Appeared to Peter first (among men) (1 Cor. 15:3-8)**
- **Peter's Re-Test and Reinstatement**

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The Retest



John 21:15a

After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied,
“you know I love you.”

John 21:15c

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

John 21:16a

Jesus repeated the question:

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said,

“you know I love you.”

John 21:16c

**“Then take care of my sheep,”
Jesus said.**

John 21:17a

A third time he asked him,
“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the
question a third time. He said,
“Lord, you know everything.
You know that I love you.”

John 21:17c

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

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Principle #4

The timing of God's next test or next trial, which you are meant to pass, is usually predicated on coming to the end of yourself.

Principle #5

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John 21:18a

“I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go.

John 21:18b

**But when you are old, you will stretch
out your hands, and others will dress
you and take you where you don't
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Principle #6

All of God's tests and trials that you pass successfully are never just for you. They are for Him, His Kingdom, and His people also.

Principle #7

God wants to heal and redeem your past because He wants to send you out as a witness, a messenger, and a shepherd who is spiritually and emotionally healthy, fully redeemed, and living free.

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