

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

April 30, 2023

Welcome!

YOUR
grace
is
SUFFICIENT
for me

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

*"I will sing of your power; Yes,
I will sing aloud of Your mercy
in the morning; For You have
been my defense and refuge in
the day of my trouble. To You,
O my Strength, I will sing
praises; For God is my defense,
My God of mercy"*

Please stay with us for
lunch today with an
afternoon service to
follow at 1:00pm.

Prayer List

Our sympathies are with
Patricia Stroud and her family
in the loss of her grandson

Mamie Hamilton is dealing with
diverticulitis

Newborn **Theo Ezell** is home
from the NICU

Remember all those affected by
the recent shootings.

Maria Hunter Harrington is
doing well at home

Elizabeth's grandmother **Carol
Saling** has cancer

Continue to pray for: **Kristine
Garrett, Forshia Pennington**,
those affected by the storms in
Arkansas and Mississippi,
**Sheila Krantz, Kim Waller,
Carol Allen, Jo Walker, Pat
Agee, Sherry Russell, Keith
Walker, Camille Brosky, Diane
Singleton, Chelsea Roaden**,
those in **Ukraine**; **Judy Cook**,
the **Brown** family, **John Hayes**,
Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson
and **Bill Gillock**

*We invite everyone to
study the book of Romans
with us this Wednesday
night at 7:00; we will be in
chapter 8 this week*

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Charlie Baker

Prayer:
Jearmie Gupton

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
John Buchanan
Matthew 26:31-35

Wait On Table:
Eddie Walker

Serve:
Jeff Baker
Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:
Ricky Mayo

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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II. The Declarations
of Loyalty

Declaration #1
In the Upper Room

Sift – separating what is desirable from what is undesirable. Satan wants to prove that Peter will fall under the weight of severe testing.

Was Jesus' prayer answered? Did Peter's faith fail permanently or temporarily?

Declaration #2
In the Upper Room

Rooster-Crow – Cock-crow was reckoned as the watch between twelve midnight and three o'clock in the morning, when the light of dawn began to glimmer on the eastern horizon.

Declaration #3
On or near the Mount of Olives

Declaration #4
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Luke 22:31–33 (ESV)

³¹"**Simon, Simon**, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he *might sift you like wheat*,

³²but *I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.*"

³³**Peter** said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."

John 13:33–38 (ESV)

³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, '**Where I am going you cannot come.**'

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³⁶**Simon Peter** said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "**Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.**"

³⁷**Peter** said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

³⁸Jesus answered, "**Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.**"

Mt 26:69–75; Mk 14:66–72;
Lk 22:55–62; Jn 18:16–18, 25–27

Matthew 26:31–35 (ESV)

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "**You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'**" <- Zech 13:7

³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

³³**Peter** answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."

³⁴Jesus said to him, "**Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.**" <- Mt 26:69–75; Mk 14:66–72;
Lk 22:55–62; Jn 18:16–18, 25–27

³⁵**Peter** said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

The Collapse

-Study of the final night before the crucifixion of Jesus

-This was a very bad night for Peter as it marked a spiritual collapse.

-The pinnacle of this collapse is his threefold denial of Jesus.

-These declarations stand in contrast with his ultimate denials.

The Declarations

A. Disrespect

He gave no weight to the words of Christ...All His words were rejected by Peter

-Praying

Jesus was concerned enough about Peter that he prayed for his faith (Lk 22:32)

-Pathway

Jesus explained that his disciples could NOT go where he was going (Jn 13:33, 36)

-Prediction

Three predictions about Peter & the Disciples (Mt 26:31,34; Jn 13:38)

B. Arrogance

-He thought he knew more than Jesus

In all of the declarations, Peter is arguing with / rejecting the words of Christ.

-He thought he was too strong to fail

In all of the declarations, Peter declared that he would be loyal to the end.

*1Co 10:12

-He thought he was superior to others

"Though they all fall away" Contrast this to the words of Paul in...

*Phil 2:3–4

*1Tim 1:15

C. Influence

"All the disciples said the same."