

# SPIRITUAL DECLINE IN THE FAST LANE

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## MARK 14:66-72

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. 69 And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." 70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." 71 But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." 72 And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

**I. Peter did not take Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ seriously** (Mark 14:30-31,38-40)

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**II. Peter was \_\_\_\_\_** (Mark 14:26-31)

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**III. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ the seriousness of prayer** (Mark 14:32-42)

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**IV. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus from a \_\_\_\_\_** (Mark 14:50,54,66)

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**V. Peter sat with the \_\_\_\_\_** (Mark 14:54,66-71)

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Believing what Jesus says is **IMPORTANT**  
Humility is **IMPORTANT**  
Prayer is **IMPORTANT**

Closeness to Jesus is **IMPORTANT**  
Who you surround yourself with is **IMPORTANT**

**JESUS WILL NEVER \_\_\_\_\_ !**

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What has Jesus said that I need to obey?
2. In what ways does pride continue to show up in your life?
3. What are the things that distract you from a real, spirit-filled prayer life?
- 4.** Are you following Jesus from a distance?
5. Who are the people you are surrounding yourself with?