**Lessons Along the Road**

**Week 2**

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**Daily Time With Truth**

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1:** Luke 9:51 (TPT)

Jesus let nothing distract him from departing for Jerusalem because the time for him to be lifted up drew near, and he was full of passion to complete his mission there.

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**Day 2:** Luke 22:31 (TPT)

Peter, my dear friend, listen to what I’m about to tell you. Satan has obtained permission to come and sift you all like wheat and test your faith.

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**Day 3:** Luke 22:32 (TPT)

But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers.

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**Day 4:** Mark 14:29-31 (AMP)

But Peter said to Him, “Even if they all fall away [and desert You, ashamed and afraid of being associated with You], yet I will not [do so]!” Jesus said to him, “I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you will deny [that you even know] Me three times.” But Peter kept saying insistently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all were saying the same thing as well.

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**Day 5:** 1 Corinthians 10:12 AMP

Therefore let the one who thinks he stands firm [immune to temptation, being overconfident and self-righteous], take care that he does not fall [into sin and condemnation].

**Discussion Questions**

1. What distracts you from keeping your focus on Jesus? What helps you stay focused?

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2. Pastor Bob explained, “Satan must ask permission…all things pass through the fingers of God…Satan wants permission to ‘separate them’ from or ‘scatter’ them from both Jesus and each other…. Jesus gives the devil permission and then He too focuses on Peter…Peter, you’ll get tripped up…but then use this to encourage others.” Explain this further. How was Peter distracted and what was the result? How did he use his experience to encourage others? Have you ever experienced anything similar in your life? Share.

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3. What do you remember most about Peter? How does his faith walk encourage yours? How would you like to be remembered for your failures?

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4. “Brokenness is the key to usefulness. How do you know when God is working in a man’s heart? He breaks it!” (Quoted from the sermon) Have you experienced this or witnessed it in someone else’s life? Share.

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5. Read Luke 22:54. What is the first reason Peter failed and why was that? How do you error in a similar way and why?

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6. “Decide in advance what you believe…so when temptation comes you already have your answer.” Can you share an example of a time when this was an effective deterrent for you? How about a time when you were caught off guard?

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7. What are indications that Peter is operating in the flesh rather than in the Spirit? How can we choose to walk in the Spirit more consistently?

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8. Read about Peter’s denial statements in Mark 14:68; Luke 22:58; Matthew 126:73; John 18:26; and Luke 22:61a. How do we deny Jesus, perhaps in more subtle ways? Was it inevitable for Peter to fulfill Jesus’ words of warning, “I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me” (John 13:38b)? What can we learn from his example so that we will not repeat it?

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9. How did Jesus respond to Peter’s betrayal of Him? What did He communicate through His look (Luke 22:61a)? How can we follow Jesus’ example when we feel betrayed?

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