



IT IS FINISHED
FAILURE AND FAITHFULNESS
JOHN 18:12-27

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1. Trust _____ (vv. 12-14)
2. Build _____ (vv. 15-18)
3. Stand _____ (vv. 19-24)
4. See _____ (vv. 25-27)
- John 18:12–27 (ESV)*
12 So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. 13 First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. 15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. 19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.” 22 When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how you answer the high priest?” 23 Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?” 24 Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read Psalm 2.** How do the realities that God is sovereign over wicked rulers, that he can even turn their wicked schemes for good, and that he will someday judge the world help your perspective this week as you live in a world full of rulers that reject God and his ways?

2. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:12.** What are some ways you may tend to overestimate your own spiritual strength? How could your prayer life reflect a greater humble dependence on God?

3. **Read 1 Peter 3:15-17.** How prepared do you feel to make a defense for the hope that is in you? This passage also makes it clear that the world should have no just reason to persecute Christians. What are some important ways Christians need to make sure our witness is unstained before the world?

4. **Read 1 Peter 2:23.** What can you learn from the example of Jesus and how he responded even when treated unjustly? Even if you are not experiencing persecution right now, how can you avoid attitudes that might cause you to “revile” others?

5. **Read 2 Corinthians 7:8-11.** What are some of the differences between godly grief and worldly grief? How do you see those differences in Peter and Judas? How have you seen them at work in your own life?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Begg, Alistair. *Brave by Faith*. The Good Book, 2021.
 Bounds, E.M. *E.M. Bounds on Prayer*. Whitaker House, 1997.
 Nyquist, Paul. *Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture*. Moody, 2015.

Prayer Requests

Pray that our church would be humble and prepared to be faithful to Christ, no matter what.
 Pray that our church would never revile or return evil for evil but follow the example of Jesus.
 Pray that we would display godly grief when we sin.
 Pray for our church to be healthy as people faithfully serve the church and practice the one-anothers.
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	Gospels	N.T.
10/4	Isaiah 48-50	Psalm 115:9-19	Luke 23:26-43	Hebrews 10:19-25
10/5	Isaiah 51-53	Psalm 116:1-9	Luke 23:44-56	Hebrews 10:26-39
10/6	Isaiah 54-57	Psalm 116:10-19	Luke 24:1-12	Hebrews 11:1-12
10/7	Isaiah 58-60	Psalm 117	Luke 24:13-23	Hebrews 11:13-28
10/8	Isaiah 61-64	Psalm 118:1-7	Luke 24:24-35	Hebrews 11:29-39
10/9	Isaiah 65-66	Psalm 118:8-16	Luke 24:36-52	Hebrews 12:1-17