



How To turn a loss into a win

1. _____ where you _____.

Mark 14:27-31-- "You will fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written. I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times." But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

Notice:

- Peter's _____.
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2. Be _____ with _____.

Mark 14:30-- "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

Mark 14:35-37-- Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

Mark 14:43-50-- Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him. Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." Then everyone deserted him and fled.

- _____ to Christ.
- _____ your denial points.
- _____ God's forgiveness.
- _____ more determined to follow Jesus.

3. _____ what God _____.

Mark 14:53-54-- They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

Mark 14:55,65-- The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any... Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophesy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

Mark 14:66-70-- While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

Mark 14:72-- Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe the sorrow Jesus must have felt when His followers deserted Him?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What kind of sorrow should we feel when we deny Christ?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.