**Misguided Confidence**

**Text**: Mark 14:66-72

**Topic**: Pride/Self Confidence

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When you’re tempted by self-confidence.

**Text**: **Mark 14:66-72**, “**66**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.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.26-31**

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**Point #2**: **Expect** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.66-72a**

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**Point #3**: **Remember** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.66-72a**

**Corollary Verses**: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 7:23-24, 12:2, 13:14; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Zechariah 13:7; James 4:13; Proverbs 16:18; 2 Corinthians 7:10; and John 21:15-17.

**Application Questions**
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**; **Galatians 5:16-17**; **Romans 7:23-24**; **Romans 12:2** and **13:14** then answer the following questions. According to the Scriptures, as born-again believers, each and every one of us experiences a battle inside of us. A battle of the flesh against the Spirit, and each one fighting for control. What strategies can you employ in trying to subdue your flesh? How does Galatians 5:25-26 relate to our passage in Mark 14? Write out a battle plan that is focused on constantly “killing” or “Mortifying” the flesh (look up “mortifying the flesh” online)?
2. Read **Esther 6:6**; **Daniel 4:30-37**; **Isaiah 2:11-12**; **Proverbs 16:18** ; and **1 Corinthians 10:12** then answer the following questions. What does Haman and Nebuchadnezzar have in common? What clear warnings can you learn from these passages? Have you ever had an experience where you were prideful, and God humbled you? Share that experience… if you are humble enough! ;-) In **1 Peter 5:5-6** we are called humble ourselves, how can we do that? Use Scripture to support your answer.
3. Read **2 Corinthians 7:10**; **2 Samuel 12:13**; and **2 Samuel 17:23** then answer the following questions. How would you describe the difference between godly grief and worldly grief? In both the Samuel stories who demonstrates worldly grief and who demonstrates godly grief? Why is worldly grief so dangerous and how can you avoid it?
4. Read **John 21:15-17**; **Hebrews 4:13-16**; **Hebrews 10:19-22**; and **Isaiah 55:6-7** then answer the following questions. How do these verses provide you with encouragement when you have sinned against God? How would you describe Jesus’ approach to Peter when he was recommissioning him after his moral failure? What does it mean when Isaiah says that God will abundantly pardon the repentant sinner? How does **Psalm 51:17** inform your approach when you seek God after sinning?