

A close-up photograph of a rooster's feathers, showing a mix of vibrant colors including deep red, emerald green, and dark blue. The feathers have a textured, layered appearance with fine details visible in the barbs.

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- The Adversary is a skilled enemy with many weapons in his arsenal. Every part of a Christian's life is vulnerable to his attacks.
- When a Christian forgets that Satan has effective attack weapons that target the spiritually strong, he becomes vulnerable to falling.
  - 1Cor. 10:12 - "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

# Peter Was A Wholehearted Man

- John 6:68 - “But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’”
- Luke 9:28 - “Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.”
- Matt. 16:16-17 - “Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ 17 Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.’”

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- Matt. 26:36-37 - “Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, ‘Sit here while I go and pray over there.’ 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.”
- Matt. 26:31-33 - “Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered. 32 But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.’ 33 Peter answered and said to Him, ‘Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.’”

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- Acts 2:14 - “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.’”
- Acts 11:16-17 - “Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit’ 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”

# Peter's Wholeheartedness Made Him Vulnerable To Falling

- Matt. 16:21-23 - “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. 22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, ‘Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!’ 23 But He turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.’”

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- John 18:7-11 - “Then He asked them again, ‘Whom are you seeking?’ And they said, ‘Jesus of Nazareth.’ 8 Jesus answered, ‘I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,’ 9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, ‘Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.’ 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?’”

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- Matt. 26:33-35 - “Peter answered and said to Him, ‘Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.’ 34 Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ 35 Peter said to Him, ‘Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!’ And so said all the disciples.”



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- Luke 22:31-34 - “And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.’ 33 But he said to Him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.’ 34 Then He said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.’”

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- That was Peter's weakness: Peter had tremendous confidence in Peter.
  - Prov. 16:18 - "Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."

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- Luke 22:54-62 - “Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. 55 Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, ‘This man was also with Him.’ 57 But he denied Him, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know Him.’ 58 And after a little while another saw him and said, ‘You also are of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ 59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, ‘Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean.’ 60 But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are saying!’ Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ 62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.”

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- He was beset with pride, but he later went on to practice and preach humility.
  - 1Peter 5:5-6 - “Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”

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- He was self-indulgent, sleeping in the Garden, but he went on to practice and preach diligence.
  - 1Peter 5:8-9 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

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- He was cowardly, following Jesus at a distance; but, he went on to practice and preach courage.
  - 1Peter 4:16 - “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.”

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- He was worldly, warming himself with the opponents of Jesus; but, he went on to practice and preach detachment from the world.
  - 1Peter 2:11-12 - “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12 having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

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- What will we do when the rooster crows for us?
  - Quit in hurt, frustration, and despair, never to serve again?
  - Be a permanent, negative critic?
  - Or humble ourselves and repent, learn from our mistakes, and serve even more?



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- “Sometimes it takes a good fall to really know where you stand.” (*Hayley Williams*)
- “It's not the failures in our life that define us, it's the moments when we decide that getting back up is what matters.” (*Joel Brown*)

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- Rom. 11:20 - “Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear.”
- Isa. 66:2 - “For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist, Says the LORD. But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.”