The Crowing Moment

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INTRODUCTION

- All four Gospels record Jesus telling Peter that he will deny him three times before the rooster crows.
- So the description there is that Peter went out and violently wailed aloud.
- Peter's denials were recorded in all four Gospels. There must be something noteworthy, something we should draw our attention to.

1 Satan Has Demanded Permission to Sift You

Luke 22:31–32; 1 Peter 5:8–10

- Just by being here this morning, you're marked. You're marked by the devil.
- Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you once have turned again, strengthen your brothers.
- That Jesus prays on your behalf. He already has. And he still intercedes for us today.

2 When Satan Pounces in Our Weak Moments

Luke 22:49–51; John 11:16; Luke 22:54–62

- Peter was no coward. He just didn't understand God's purpose. He's ready to die.
- And that's when Satan hits us hard. When we think we have God's plan for us all figured out.
- Life happens. Our plans don't work out the way we imagine.
- That's when the devil pounces. When we have those moments of fear and uncertainty and confusion and doubt.

3 The Crowing Moment: God's Word Convicts Us

Luke 22:61; 2 Samuel 12; Acts 2:36–37

- It was God's word. It said Peter remembered the word of the Lord.
- The moment that we're convicted of our sin is when we understand God's word.
- That was David's crowing moment. The word of God convicted him of his sin.
- We have to know God's word to be convicted of our guilt, to realize the tragedy of our own sin.

4 True Conversion Requires True Conviction

2 Corinthians 7:8–10

- For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- True conversion requires true conviction.

- Just an understanding of our guilt by itself doesn't change us. It requires us to change.
- He knows what he did. He became convicted of it. But he didn't convert.

5 Repentance Leads to Salvation

Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30–31

- Repentance leads to salvation. Salvation cannot be obtained without our repentance.
- Repent. And each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins.
- We have to be convicted of our sins before we can be converted, and we must be converted and repent so that we can have our sins wiped away.

6 The Benefits of Godly Sorrow

2 Corinthians 7:11; Acts 4:19–20; Hebrews 12:10–11

- For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.
- He turned. He repented when he was convicted. And how much did he strengthen his brothers over the years?
- Yet to those who've been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
- If it convicted you, repent and rejoice that you had the chance to do that, no matter who brought you the message.

THE CHALLENGE

If you've never obeyed the gospel, let this be your crowing moment. Let this be your growing moment, and you can walk out of here without regrets.

MY NOTES