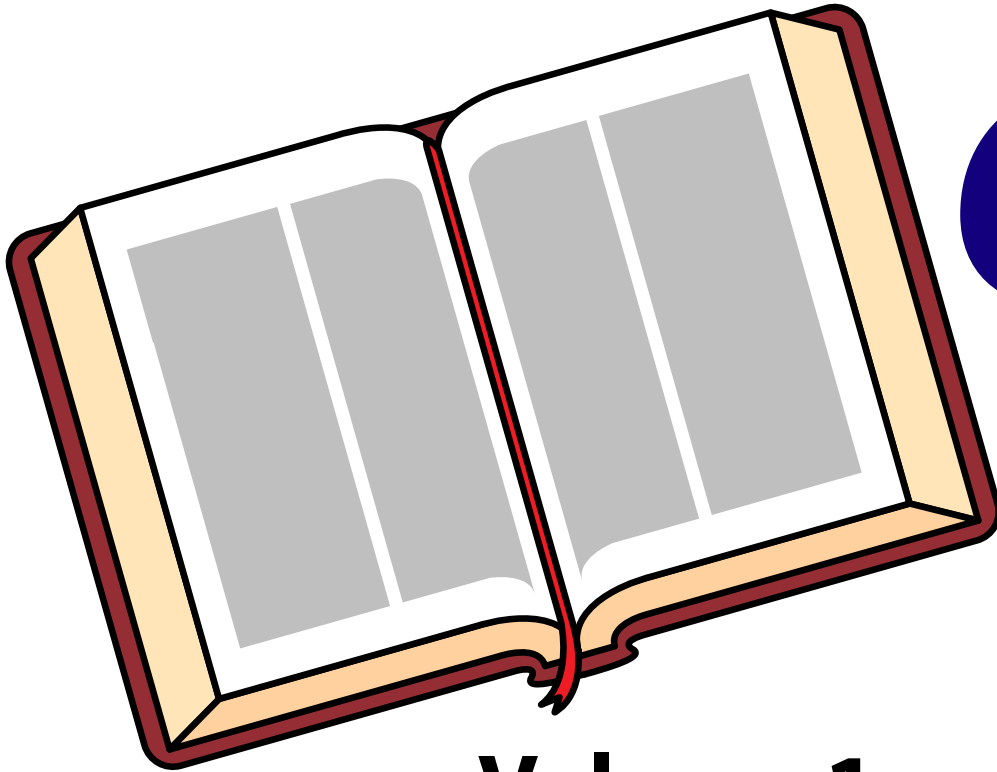


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# GOING OVERBOARD

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## A Study of Peter's Fall - Matt. 26:31-75

### INTRODUCTION

1. All of us who claim to be Christians, try our hardest to avoid sin
2. Sometimes, despite our efforts, we do fall into sin
3. What conditions might lead to sin? Are there any warning signs?
4. One chapter in the Bible provides some insight
5. Peter's fall

### I. PETER WAS OVER CONFIDENT (Matt 26:31-35)

- A. Despite Christ's words, Peter denies that he will desert Jesus
- B. Despite the prophecy of Zech 13:7, Peter feels he will be different
- C. The Bible tells us to have confidence, but it should be well placed
  1. "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man." Ps. 118:8
  2. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18
- D. OVERconfidence can lead to sin

### II. PETER WAS OVER TIRED (Matt 26:36-46)

- A. I think all of us are at our worst when we are over-tired
- B. I know I get crabby and I overreact to situations
- C. The world looks bleaker - we lose perspective, we don't see things straight
- D. Isa 40:28-31 - When tired, call on the Lord
- E. When OVERTired, we can sin!

### III. PETER WAS OVER EMOTIONAL (Matt 26:47-54)

- A. Emotions are God given, but we must learn to control them or they will control us
- B. Sometimes the brethren have the reverse dilemma – too unemotional
  1. no vigor
  2. no enthusiasm
- C. "Our passions are like convulsion fits, which, though they make us stronger for the time, leave us the weaker ever after." — Jonathan Swift
- D. Rom 10:2 - Over zealous, over emotional
- E. When we are OVER emotional we can sin!

### IV. PETER WAS OVER CAUTIOUS (Matt 26:55-58)

- A. Just as Jesus predicted, all fled from him, deserted him
- B. Peter followed from a distance
- C. "The chief danger in life is that you may take too many precautions." — Alfred Adler
- D. Kierkegaard "To venture causes anxiety, not to venture causes one to lose oneself."
- E. Rev. 21:8 "But the fearful..."
- F. Being OVER cautious can cause us to sin!



## **V. PETER WAS OVERCOME (Matt 26:69-74)**

- A. All the conditions were right for Peter's fall - he had been overconfident, overtired, over-emotional, overly cautious, etc.
- B. Peter went OVERboard - he was ruled by his passions and not by the LORD
- C. As a result he SINNED!

## **VI. PETER WAS OVER WROUGHT (Matt 26:75)**

- A. The realization of his sin broke him!
- B. He had denied his Master!
- C. Ps. 69:20 "Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none."
- D. This was a dangerous time for Peter - Judas handled his own despair poorly (Matt 27:3-5)
- E. No amount of falls will really undo us if we keep on picking ourselves up each time. We shall of course be very muddy and tattered children by the time we reach home, but the bathrooms are all ready, the towels put out, and the clean clothes in the airing cupboard. The only fatal thing is to lose one's temper and give it up. It is when we notice the dirt that God is most present in us: it is the very sign of His presence." – C.S. Lewis
- F. "Sorrow makes men sincere." — Henry Ward Beecher
- G. Peter was OVERwrought, but fortunately he did not allow it to make him sin.

## **CONCLUSION**

1. Peter will through the centuries be known for his impetuous nature
2. But, we can learn much from this man
3. He frequently went overboard...
4. One other time - Luke 24:1-12 OVER-JOYED!



# GOING OVERBOARD



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