

A Look from Jesus  
(Conviction & Redemption)

I. Introduction

- A. Ever got “the look.”
1. From a parent.
  2. From a spouse.
- B. Communication happens beyond words and print.
1. Body language.
  2. Tone, inflection.
- C. That’s why text and e-mail are such poor substitutes for real communication.

II. Scripture: Luke 22:55-62

- A. After Mark and before John in the NT.

III. Background

- A. At the last supper, Jesus had warned Peter he would deny Jesus 3 times.
1. Peter protested.
  2. Luke 22:33 “Lord, I am ready to go with you to both to prison and to death.”
  3. v. 34 “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”
- B. Judas’ betrayal.
1. He brings soldiers to the intimate place of prayer.
  2. The disciples have not prayed, but slept.
- C. Now Jesus is taken, at night, to an illegal trial.

IV. Peter’s Fall

- A. This was a hard fall for Peter.
- B. Look at *the process leading to his fall...*
- #1. He fell even though he was warned.
  - #2. He slept in Gethsemane when he should have been praying.
  - #3. He followed from a distance/afar. (v. 54b)
  - #4. He warmed himself at the wrong fire/wrong crowd.
  - #5. He openly denied Christ.
  - #6. He cursed himself and swore. (Matthew 26:74)

V. Peter’s Conviction

- A. *In a divine moment* of clarity, the cock crowed and Peter looked eyes with Jesus.
1. This “look” is only mentioned in Luke.
  2. It wasn’t a close, deep look into his eyes.
  3. It was probably from across the courtyard
  4. It was convicting.
- B. I’m sure the succession of events leading to this denial/fall scrolled through Peter’s mind.
- C. This look was...
1. ...a convicting look.
  2. ...a disappointed look.
  3. ...a look of pain.
  4. ...a redemptive look.
- D. Jesus is doing all He can to

keep people out of Hell.

- E. **Note:** There is a kind of pain that brings healing.
1. Medically. “Just relax.”
  2. Parenting. Dealing with the hard stuff.
  3. Academically. Studying before the test.
- F. **Point:** Discomfort was not the goal; even then, redemption was the goal.

VI. Peter’s Response

- A. What does conviction feel like?
1. Exposed.
  2. Awkward.
- B. Ill. Ever advocated for a certain opinion for a long period of time and suddenly realized you were wrong?
1. No? Me neither!
- C. **Note:** Prodigal son “came to himself.”

- D. **Pastoral Pause:** Peter’s fall was deferent than Judas’ fall.

1. Judas was premeditated, willful, & deliberate.
  2. Peter was genuine & sincere when he claimed he would never deny Christ.
  3. **Point:** Peter underestimated the power of the carnal nature. A heart not fully surrendered.
- E. Peter’s response was 2 fold:
1. “He went out.” (Leave the

context, change.)

2. “He wept bitterly.” (Real sorrow over broken sin.)
- F. **Pastoral Pause:** Why is it so easy for us to tell God we’re sorry, but not another person?
1. Physical presence?
  2. Facing the shame of sin.
  3. Restoration of relationship should be hard work (if it is worth anything).
  4. There’s no easy path there.
- G. **Point:** Facing our failures moves us toward redemption more than hiding from them or denying them.

VII. Peter’s Redemption

- A. John 21 Peter’s redemption
- B. There was a long period of time between the denial and the conversation by the sea.

VIII. Conclusion

- A. Jesus’ look can be uncomfortable, but that’s what we need.
1. Comfort with the status quo has led us to this place.
  2. We need to be redeemed!
- B. Is He looking at you today?
- C. Don’t stay the same!

Response: