**The “Rooster Call”**

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Text: Luke 22:31-34, 55-62

# Intro

1. There are times in life where we have that “rooster call moment” as Peter did in *Lk. 22:55-62.*
2. We don’t always realize our sin till that “moment” of realization; *“a rooster crowed!”*
   1. That moment when we see ourselves as God sees us and reality sets in.
3. Lk 22:31-34: Before the “rooster call” in Peter’s life there was Satan’s desire to sift him “like wheat,” to cause his faith to fail.
4. Peter later reveals Satan’s methods of “sifting”
   1. *I Peter 1:6-9:* Trials that will test one’s faith. The outcome is the “salvation of your soul.”
   2. *I Peter 1:14-16, 2:11:* Lusts of the flesh. “Be holy” for God “is holy.”
   3. *I Peter 4:1-5:* Persecutions: Verbal abuse. For not doing as you formerly did.
   4. *I Peter 4:12-16:* Persecutions: Physical abuse. Glorify God if suffer as a Christian.
5. Satan’s attempt to “sift Peter as wheat” was a strong experience in the Apostle’s life, as seen in Peter’s likening it to Satan testing one’s faith as by fire in I Pet. 1:6-7.
   1. *Lk 22:31-32:* Satan desired to sift Peter as wheat.
      1. Jesus was concerned for his faith, and told him that when he returned, to strengthen his brethren. Jesus knew Satan would get Peter only for a time.
   2. Lk. 22:33-34: Peter says he would follow Him to prison and to death. He is given the warning of the rooster.
6. Lk. 22:54-62: Satan did get at Peter’s faith as Christ knew he would:
   1. Peter followed the Lord “at a distance” (22:54) – Gave in to fear
   2. While Jesus was being tried, Peter was outside denying Him, but close enough to be able to see Jesus’ face at the crow of the rooster (22:55-61).
   3. Peter, who confessed Christ as deity 3 times *(Mt. 16:16; Lk. 5:8; Jn. 6:69),* lied and denied Him 3 times! *(Mt. 26:74: He cursed and swore!)*
   4. Peter knew he had denied his Master *(Mt. 10:33)* and ran out weeping bitterly (22:62).
7. It’s important to recognize when the “rooster crows” in our own lives and respond properly!
8. **The Rooster Call**
9. David – II Sam. 11-12 (Sin and cover-up with Bathsheba)
   1. David had committed sin with Bathsheba and continued to sin trying to cover it up.
   2. **Rooster Call:** “You are the man!” (II Sam. 12:7). Secret (II Sam. 12:12) out in the open!
10. Naaman – II Kings 5:13
    1. Naaman came to Elisha expecting a show and a miracle! (II Ki. 5:11-12)
    2. **Rooster Call:** His servants confronted him with the truth of the matter (II Ki. 5:13).
11. The Prodigal Son – Lk. 15:13-17 (A parable applicable to all of us!)
    1. Young son squandered his inheritance with “loose living” (Lk. 15:13).
    2. **Rooster Call:** A Jew among the swine (unclean animal)! And he ***envied*** their food! (Lk. 15:15-17)
12. Judas – (Mt. 26:14-15) Mt. 27:3
    1. He was a friend & Apostle of Jesus and betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver (26:14-15).
    2. **Rooster Call:** Judas “saw that He (Jesus) had been condemned” (Mt. 27:3)
13. Jews on Pentecost – Acts 2
    1. Heard Peter’s sermon, and there were among them those who delivered up Jesus.
    2. **Rooster Call:** “This Jesus whom you crucified (Lord and Christ)” (Acts 2:36-37)
14. King Agrippa II – Acts 26:5, 26-27
    1. Paul gave his defense before King Agrippa II, and had said the Jews knew he (Paul) was of the strictest sect of the Jews.
    2. **Rooster Call:** “King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do” (26:27).
15. We may all experience that “rooster call” moment at one point in our lives, but what separates us from others is how we respond to the truth of what we have done!
16. **Proper Response**
17. David – II Sam. 12:13
    1. Rooster Call: “You are the man!” *(II Sam. 12:7).*
    2. **Response:** “I have sinned against the LORD” (II Sam. 12:13). He accepted the punishment and consequences for his sin (child died, family strife).
18. Naaman – II Kings 5:14-15
    1. Rooster Call: His servants confronted him with the truth of the matter *(5:13).*
    2. **Response:** He obeyed God and was cleansed! He rejoiced and believed! (II Ki. 5:14-15)
19. The Prodigal Son – Lk. 15:17, 21 (A parable detailing our sins and God’s love)
    1. Rooster Call: A Jew envying the food of swine! *(Lk. 15:15-17)*
    2. **Response:** He went to his father, confessed his sin, and repented! (Lk. 15:17, 21)
20. Jews on Pentecost – Acts 2:38-41
    1. Rooster Call: “This Jesus whom you crucified (Lord and Christ)” *(Acts 2:36-37)*
    2. **Response:** From being pricked in their hearts (convicted) they asked what to do, and when told, they obeyed and were saved, added to the church – 2:47
21. Sometimes it takes “the Rooster Call” to wake us up and do what is right!
22. **Improper Response**
23. Judas – Mt. 27:3-5; Acts 1:18
    1. Rooster Call: He “saw that He (Jesus) had been condemned” *(Mt. 27:3).*
    2. **Response:** “He felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver.” He confessed his sin, but he didn’t repent, though it looked like he did (He threw the money back).
    3. Rather than repent as did Peter, he “went away and hanged himself.”
    4. Became guilty of not just one death but two!
24. King Agrippa II – Acts 26:28
    1. Rooster Call: “King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do” *(26:27).*
    2. **Response:** “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian” (NKJ: “Almost”)
25. Some people upon hearing “the Rooster Call” continue to sin and make things worse!

**Conclusion**

1. The lesson of Peter’s rooster call serves as example and warning to us to not become “overconfident.”
   1. Mt. 26:35: Peter not alone in boasting, “All the disciples said the same thing too.”
   2. They all fled and deserted Christ too – Mt. 26:56
2. Sometimes we don’t recognize or realize the sin we have committed, the hurt and pain caused to others, discouragement or bad example we have become to others, till the rooster crows.
3. We need to hear it and make the changes needed to come back to God! (Peter “remembered” – Mt. 26:75)
4. Think of the great service Peter rendered God and man after his “sifting!”
   1. Peter wept bitterly but came back to stand against a massive crowd on the day of Pentecost and accused them of the Lord’s murder! (*Acts 2:14-39*)
   2. Suffered stripes for his preaching of Jesus (*Acts 5:40*)
   3. Preached to the Gentiles first (*Acts 10*)
   4. Suffered imprisonment (*Acts 12*)
   5. Became an elder of the Lord’s church (*I Pet 5:1*)
   6. Ultimately gave his life as a martyr in the service of the Lord (Jn. 21:18-19; II Pet. 1:14)
5. Jesus knew Peter would fail, but told him to strengthen his brothers when he returned (*Lk 22:32*).
6. Peter strengthens all of us by letting us know we are not alone in our struggles:
   1. I Pet 5:8-11: There are others who suffer as well, and who overcome!
7. For Peter, it took a rooster to wake him up to the state he was in (What God saw him as).
8. Have you heard the “Rooster Crow” in your life? *How will you respond?*
9. If not a Christian, hear the rooster crow ***NOW*** and repent and be baptized!
10. If a Christian in sin, hear the rooster crow ***NOW*** and repent and be renewed!