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John 18:1-18, 25-27

In John 18 we read of Jesus' arrest. In the fear of the moment, Peter draws his sword and cuts off the ear of one of the high priest's servants. Jesus restores the servant's ear and commands Peter to put the sword away. Jesus is taken away for trial. As the fearful night proceeds Peter denies Christ three times. When the rooster crows, he snaps out of his shock and is thrust into the reality of his own helplessness, imperfection, and failure.

Thankfully, there is something redeeming about this moment: Jesus had *told* Peter that this moment would come (John 13:38). Jesus had told Peter the *truth* about himself. This truth helped Peter to understand a greater truth: that perfection and strength are only found in the person of Christ.

In the garden, Peter had been sleeping when he should have been praying. He was taken off guard, literally. His spirit was not attuned to Christ's. We cannot will ourselves to be faithful to Christ. We must remain in his truth. "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

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