Topical Study

Topic One: Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

Read John 13:36-38

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?"

Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward."

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.

Q: Is it possible to deny Christ? What are the practical examples or ways that believers or Christians can deny our Lord or His name? How?

Q: What could make a believer deny him?

Q: If we find ourselves in such position as Peter denying Jesus for real, what should be our immediate disposition? Referencing Judas Iscariot and Simon Peter stories.

Q: What are the lessons here for each of us? **Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake?**

The Three Denials:

1. **First Denial:** A servant girl saw Peter sitting by the fire and said he was with Jesus. Peter denied it, saying, *"Woman, I do not know him"* (Luke 22:56–57, Matthew 26:69–70).
2. **Second Denial:** Someone else (or another servant girl) accused him of being with Jesus of Nazareth. Peter denied it again, sometimes with an oath, saying, *"I do not know the man"* (Matthew 26:71–72, John 18:25).
3. **Third Denial:** About an hour later, bystanders insisted Peter was one of them because his Galilean accent gave him away. Peter began to invoke curses and swore, *"Man, I do not know what you are talking about"* (Matthew 26:73–74, Luke 22:59–60)

The Aftermath

Immediately after the third denial, a rooster crowed. According to Luke, Jesus turned and looked straight at Peter. Peter remembered Jesus's warning, went outside, and **wept bitterly** (Luke 22:61–62)

Topic Two: Relationships

Exodus 20:12 New King James Version

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

1 Corinthians 14:40

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Hebrews 10:23

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Read the story below….

I am a young lady of 22 years old. There is a culture or tradition in my family, which my parents told me about when I was very young, that, in our family, parents choose partners (Wife or husband) for their children. When I was younger, my parents kept telling me about it but I did not attach importance to it.

I am a born again Christian and just finished my university and I have a boyfriend that I have been dating since I was in university. I love him and I will like to marry him. I believe he is the will of God for me. I am at the point that I do not know what to do. Do I tell my parents? Do I cut off the relationship? Kindly advise me please. I need prayers. I need help.

Story of Abraham and his son Isaac…..Genesis 24:1-4

Abraham initiated and directed the search for Isaac's wife, though he delegated the journey to his trusted chief servant.
According to Genesis 24, Abraham set the key conditions for the marriage.

Q: Comparing the scriptures Exodus 20:12 and Hebrews 10:23 above, what would you advise this young lady as a believer?

Q: Is it wrong for Christian parents to connect their child to a future partner? Does it work?