

Power Words  
**Denial** – Mar. 4, 2018  
FP Small Group Study Guide

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## Matthew 26:30-35 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup> Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

### Footnotes:

1. [Matthew 26:31](#) Zech. 13:7

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1. Have you ever been in a situation where you felt like someone slapped you in the face? Reality hits you hard, even though you saw it coming?
  2. Read Matthew 26: 30 – 35.
  3. What were the disciples doing before they left their quarters? How is this important to confront adversities in life?
  4. What was the disciples' destination and what was their mood when they arrived there? At what time of the day did they arrive?
  5. What was about to happen? When they arrived at the Mount of Olives, what were they faced with as Jesus talked to them?
  6. If I was one of the disciples what would my response to Jesus's warnings have been?
  7. What was Jesus's response to Peter's self-confidence ("I will never...")?

8. If you were one of Jesus disciples and heard Peter's statement "I never will", how would you have responded or reacted to this?
9. Is human confidence enough to protect us from confusion or temptations? Are we like Peter, who says "I never will..."? Was this response genuine or was Peter trying to make points with Jesus?
10. In whom should our confidence be based? How do we learn to do this?
11. What was the reason Jesus warned them about things to come? Does Scripture warn us about things to come? Do we pay attention to it? Why or why not?
12. Do you think it was easy for the disciples to understand what Jesus was warning them about? Why or why not?
13. What choices do you make when you are confronted with trials?
14. What are some practices you can put in to place when you are faced with trials to ensure you are making Godly decisions? Pray that the Lord would guide you through your trials and decisions.