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*Become Undeniably Faithful*

*John 18:12-27*

- Ever done something that was against plainly stated rules and paid the price?
- The results can often be especially bad in spiritual matters.

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*So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.*



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- How do you bind the man who just did that (18:6)?
  - Because you are blind.
- How can you bind a man with such courage and power
  - Because you are in bondage.
- Bound like a sacrifice
- Who do you need to be praying is released from blindness and bondage?

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John 18:15

Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was *another disciple*. Now that *disciple* was known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other *disciple*, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in. Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He *said*, “I am not.” Now the slaves and the officers were standing there, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

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- Peter had an unwavering sense of personal ability and a naive faith that wasn't cute or healthy or wise.
- Wait on the Lord (Ps. 25:5; 123:2; 62:1-2; 33:20; 1 Cor. 1:7; Hosea 12:6)

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## Hosea 12:6

But you must return to your God;  
maintain love and justice,  
and wait for your God always.

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- Are you exercising wisdom and humility while you wait?
- Peter was ready for a lot....but not a little girl!
- One step in the flesh often leads us into a situation we can't handle
- Arrogance can masquerade as faith



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- Peter walks with them, standing with them...Luke 22:55, he is sitting with them
- even though Christ told him what would happen
- we've been told what will happen with out Christ
- Are you standing/walking/sitting with the enemy?



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•Romans 14:22 - The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves.

•1 Corinthians 8:7 - However not all men have this knowledge; but some, being accustomed to the idol until now, eat *food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.*



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John 18:19

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said." When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?"

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- Why do they hate Christ so much?
  - The bazaar of Annas
  - He threatened their power, tradition, and wallets.
  - He challenged their concept of truth.
- We need Christ to be done away with, dead, stuck in a manger.
  - So we can indulge in the pursuit of power, money and a sense of omnipotence.
- Where are you violating your own conscience to get rid of Christ and his claims on your heart, soul, mind and life?



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•John 18:24-27

So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You are not also *one of His disciples, are you?*” *He denied it, and said, “I am not.” One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.*

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- Poor Peter- didn't Jesus love him?
  - he loves him enough to let him fall on his face (the cup)
- as Christ is walking through the courtyard, Peter denies him the 2nd and 3rd time

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Luke 22:60-62

But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “ Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.



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- God is interested in your guilt.
  - know it, own it, be responsible for it
- Are you identifying with the religious leaders and Romans?
  - quick to condemn and reject, bind up, get rid of Christ
- Are you identifying with Peter?
  - with Jesus
  - going out on your own, counted among his enemies, not waiting, denying him



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- Who have you numbered yourself with?
- Look in the eyes of Christ.
  - see your guilt.
  - fall on his grace and mercy.
  - see his determination to take your condemnation and penalty - and his love!
- weep and cry out to him



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# FUN IN THE SUN



**Lunches of Love / First United Methodist Rosenberg**  
**July 11, at 9AM**  
**Sign up after service!**

**Clothing Drive**  
**Benefitting Jenny Lane**

Bring new and gently worn clothing to the Resource Center through July 29th. We will deliver the clothes on Aug. 2nd @ 6:30PM. Together we will continue to work towards the goal of transforming that community

A red rectangular sign with a white border and a yellow shadow, tilted slightly. The text 'vacation BIBLE SCHOOL' is written in a white, hand-drawn, chalk-like font. 'BIBLE' is in a larger, yellow font. The sign is surrounded by green foliage, including long leaves and several red flowers with yellow centers. A small, colorful parrot is perched on a branch above the sign.

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SCHOOL

A horizontal yellow banner with a red border, containing the text 'SIGN UP TODAY' in a red, sans-serif font.

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