

# BIBLE RUNAWAYS

***There were at least 11 Bible characters who “ran away” when things got tough. They are: Adam, Jonah, Elijah, Mark, Onesimus, Moses, Gideon, Prodigal Son, David, Judas Iscariot, and Peter.***

## Runaway #11 - Peter

### A Few Thoughts:

- *The story of Peter in the New Testament is long - too long for this lesson.*
- *Let's concentrate here on two parts of his life: His Sad Night of Denial  
His Future Days of Usefulness*
- *“Running away” can come throughout our lives; Peter's sad night was just one.*

### LEADING UP TO THE SAD NIGHT OF DENIAL - What did he see?

1. In the list of the disciples, where was Peter's name? (Mark 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did he see Jesus do in Mark 5:37? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What did he see on the Mountain of Transfiguration) (Mark 9:2)  
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4. What did he see this second time as they walked? (Mark 11:21)  
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5. What did he see Jesus do in the garden? (Mark 14:33) \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did Peter do during this time in the garden? (Mark 14:37) \_\_\_\_\_

### LEADING UP TO THE SAD NIGHT OF DENIAL - What did he say?

7. When Jesus asked the disciples who they thought He was, what did Peter say?  
Mark 8:29 \_\_\_\_\_
8. When Jesus took Peter, James, and John up on the Mountain of Transfiguration, what did Peter say? (Mark 9:5) \_\_\_\_\_
9. When Jesus told the disciples He would be killed & then rise from the dead, what did Peter say? (Mark 8:32) \_\_\_\_\_
10. When Jesus told the disciples how hard it is for a rich man to get into heaven (the kingdom of God), what did Peter say? (Mark 10:28) \_\_\_\_\_
11. When Jesus sat by the temple and told them the whole thing would be torn down, what did Peter (plus the others) say? (Mark 13:3) \_\_\_\_\_
12. When Jesus told the disciples that during his arrest & execution they would all “freak out” and run away, what did Peter say? (Mark 14:29) \_\_\_\_\_
13. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No      Do you think that Peter was trying his best to do what Jesus wanted for his life?
14. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No      Is it safe to assume that most of what Jesus told Peter and the other disciples - they had no clue what He was talking about?

## THE SAD NIGHT OF DENIAL - What did he do or say?

15. When Jesus was arrested and led into courtyard of the high priest, what did Peter do? (Mark 14:54) \_\_\_\_\_
16. When the servant girl accused Peter of **being with** Jesus of Nazareth, what did Peter say? (Mark 14:67) \_\_\_\_\_
17. When the servant girl (a second time) accused Peter of being "one of them", what did Peter say? (Mark 14:70) \_\_\_\_\_
18. When Peter was confronted a third time, what did he say? (Mark 14:71) \_\_\_\_\_
19. What did Peter realize after the rooster crowed? (Mark 14:72) \_\_\_\_\_

## A SUMMARY OF THAT NIGHT

- Peter was called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ (I don't know the man.)
- Peter knew that Jesus was the Messiah. (I don't know the man.)
- Peter saw Jesus raise the dead & heal the sick. (I don't know the man.)
- Peter saw the Glory of Jesus with his own eyes. (I don't know the man.)
- Peter knew Jesus came to die for his sins. (I don't know the man.)

## AFTER THAT NIGHT (THE SECOND CHANCE)

20.  Yes  No Peter came to realize how shallow his love for Jesus was. (Jn. 21:17)
21.  Yes  No The angel's message was "make sure Peter knows I am alive". (Mk 16:7)
22.  Yes  No Peter led the meeting of 120 disciples to replace Judas. (Acts 1:15)
23.  Yes  No Peter preached and 3000 people were saved. (Acts 2:41)
24.  Yes  No Peter healed a lame man through Jesus' power. (Acts 3:7)

*Peter failed God, ran from God, and totally "blew it". God said, "Get up; get back in the game."*

25. Have you run from God and into sin, disobedience, unlawfulness, & evil?  Yes  No
26. Are you still there or have you turned back to God with courage?  Yes  No
27. Have you asked God to make the changes necessary in you to honor Him?  Yes  No

*Notice this verse written by Paul to Pastor Timothy (1 Timothy 1:12-13)*

*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent (rude & violent) man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. The grace of our Lord was abundant .... (My second chance)*

28. What have you learned about yourself from this lesson? \_\_\_\_\_
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