

Wake-up Call - cont.

call (2 Samuel 12:7,13; 1 Corinthians 1:21; Hebrews 4:12).

He can use the hardships and consequences of sinful living to give someone a wake-up call (Luke 15:14-20).

He can use a pricked conscience to give someone a wake-up call (Acts 2:37; Psalm 51:2-4).

He can use law enforcement to give someone a wake-up call (Romans 13:1ff; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

He can use a spiritually-minded Christian (Galatians 6:1-2; James 5:19-20), a severe illness (Philippians 2:27), the death of others around us (Hebrews 9:27), difficult times (Hebrews 12:5-12), or the fear of the judgment day (Hebrews 10:27,31; Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8,27; 22:14-15) to give someone a wake-up call.

Peter Got A Wake-Up Call

Look at what Peter did with his wake-up call. He went out and converted many to Jesus (see Acts) and he wrote two books of the New Testament. What will you do with the wake-up call that God sends your way? Stay asleep or change? - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- A Bible in the hand is worth two on the shelf.
- The fact that a person talks godly doesn't mean he walks godly.
- Following Jesus is not an escape from life - it is life!
- Marriage itself is not a failure even though married couples fail.
- Truth profits when it is properly used.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Peter's Wake-up Call

Have you ever gotten a wake-up call? Some people ask for a literal wake-up call when they check into a hotel. They want to be reminded when to get up the next morning.

Have you ever got a wake-up call of another kind? The kind of wake-up call in life that reminds you of what you have done and how you need to change something before it's too late. Peter got a wake-up call after he denied the Lord three times. Let's see what happened to him and what we can learn from it.

The Night Jesus Was Betrayed

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, Peter promised that he would not deny Jesus. He was very confident at this point of his faithfulness to the Lord (Luke 22:31-34). Later that evening, Peter fell asleep and was not watchful (Luke 22:39-46). Even later Peter denied Jesus and sinned (Luke 22:54-59).

What happened after Peter denied the Lord three times? Peter got a wake-up call. Luke records the following:

“But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet

spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly” (Luke 22:60-62).

Can you imagine denying Jesus and then having Jesus turn and look at you? How humiliating and deflating that must have been for Peter. It led him to go out and weep bitterly.



Peter let his guard down and we must remember not to let our guard down (Luke 22:31-34; 1 Corinthians 9:26-27; Galatians 5:4; 1 Timothy 4:1; Hebrews 6:1ff; 10:26; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 2:20-22).

Peter did not stay awake and we must remember the importance of staying awake spiritually (Luke 22:45-46; Romans 13:11-12; 1 Corinthians 11:30; 15:34; Ephesians 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Peter's Wake-Up Call

Did Peter get a wake-up call? Yes, the rooster's crow was Peter's wake-up call (Luke 22:60). The rooster's crow assured Peter that Jesus was still in control (Luke 22:61). The rooster's crow told Peter that he would need to change and be restored (Luke 22:62).

What did Peter learn after this occasion? He learned that Jesus has concern for the penitent and that Peter could come back to the Lord if he wanted to (Luke 22:32; 2 Peter 3:9). He learned that failure does not have to be final and that he could help others (Luke 22:32; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10). He learned that he would need to “pick up the pieces of his life,” start over, and get back to work for Jesus like he did on the day of Pentecost (Luke 22:32; Acts 2:14ff).

God Gives Us A Wake-Up Call

Just like Peter got a wake-up call, so many today get wake-up calls from God. Let's see how God gives people a wake-up call.

God can use the Bible and gospel preaching to give someone a wake-up