



Thank God for Roosters

Matthew 26:33-36

Luke 22:60-62

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33 Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

Luke 22:60-62

60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows , you will deny Me three times."

62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

1 – THIS IS A SPIRITUAL WAKE-UP CALL

The rooster jarred Peter to the core

This rooster did what he could – he crowed

He did not sing like a bird or bark like a dog

The rooster was faithful and dependable

Peter needed to wake-up – realize where he was



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

1 – THIS IS A SPIRITUAL WAKE-UP CALL

He was in the pig pen – asleep!

Prodigal Son – Luke 15:17 But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

LEARN: Our “rooster” might be a sermon, a friend, an elder, a wounded conscience, fear of punishment, or just waking up (coming to ourselves)

The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

2 – THAT JESUS IS STILL IN CONTROL

Jesus was betrayed, arrested, being tried

Peter had seen Jesus in control:

Still a storm, feed 5,000, raise the dead

Deal with trick questions

Jesus is still in charge

LEARN: Our world might collapse and fall apart

Jesus is still in control



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

3 – A NEW DAY IS DAWNING

Some roosters crow all day, most begin at daylight

A new day = a new beginning, start over

Peter can be forgiven with sorrow and
repentance

Peter can't undo the denial

But he can confess from now on

Failure is not always final



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

3 – A NEW DAY IS DAWNING

Like with Peter – God gives us another chance

Zacchaeus

John Mark – abandoned the work, profitable

Paul – persecutor, then apostle

LEARN: God is a God of second chances

Repent, confess – God will forgive



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

4 – IT IS TIME TO GO TO WORK

On the farm – go to bed with the chickens, and
wake up with the rooster

Day is wasting, there is work to get done, get busy

Get back to work –

Daydreamers

Lazy or just Idle

Those who got side-tracked



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

4 – IT IS TIME TO GO TO WORK

Peter still has a lot of work to do

Strengthen the other apostles

Witness the resurrection

Preach to start the church

Bring in the Samaritans

Include the Gentiles as converts

Show the erring how to come back

Write two books in the New Testament



The Rooster's Crow Told Peter:

4 – IT IS TIME TO GO TO WORK

Peter needed the rooster to remind him -

A fall can become a stepping stone to
greater obedience!

LEARN: We must learn the same lesson.

“Get up one more time than you fall down.”



What is the crow of a rooster
telling you?

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2 – THAT JESUS IS STILL IN CONTROL

3 – A NEW DAY IS DAWNING

4 – IT IS TIME TO GO TO WORK