

Been There Ready to Quit

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

“Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” Mark 14:36 NLT

Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me ...” Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” ... Matthew 26:31, 33-35 NIV

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church ...” Matthew 16:15-18 NIV

At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. Luke 22:61-62 NLT

Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?” “Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.” “Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.” John 21:16-17 NLT

Other Key Scriptures

Mark 14:32-34 NLT

Mark 14:37-38 NIV

Mark 14:41-42 NLT

John 18:10-11 NLT

John 19:30 NLT

John 21:15 NLT

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What was something you persevered through this week?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read **Matthew 16:15-18**. What stands out to you about this Scripture? How would you describe Jesus if you were asked who He is?
- Is it easy or difficult for you to persevere? What is your mindset like when you think about quitting?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when it would have been easy for you to quit or give up. What did you learn—about yourself and God—as you continued to persevere?
- Is God calling you to persevere in an area of your life right now, even though it’s difficult? Talk about this experience with others.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for Your love, Your forgiveness, and Your encouragement. Please show us the areas in our lives where we need to persevere and help us to keep going. We want to honor You with everything we have. We won’t give up. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- If you notice yourself wanting to quit this week, remember that anything worth doing will be hard. So pause, talk to God, and reach out to your Community Group for encouragement.
- Start the *Jesus Can Relate* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends from LifeChurch: www.go2.lc/beenthere
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.