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*Boasting.*

Proverbs 16:18 NKJV

18Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

# Matthew 26:33 NKJV

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

# *Made Christ a liar.*

# Matthew 26:34-35 NKJV

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

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

# *Failed to mortify the flesh.*

# Matthew 26:41 NKJV

# 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

# Romans 8:13 NKJV

# 13For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

# *Relied on the arm of the flesh.*

# Matthew 26:51 NKJV

# 51And suddenly, one of those *who were* with Jesus stretched out *his* hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

# 2 Chronicles 32:8 NKJV

# 8With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

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# *Forsook Christ and fled.*

# Matthew 26:56 NKJV

# 56But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

# *Followed Him at a distance and sat with the Lord’s enemies, gave up hope and faith and became discouraged.*

# Matthew 26:58 NKJV

# 58But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

# *Became afraid of men, lied and cursed.*

# Matthew 26:69-74 NKJV

# 69Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”

# 70But he denied it before *them* all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

# 71And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, “This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

# 72But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

# 73And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you.”

# 74Then he began to curse and swear, *saying,* “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.

# *Peter repented.*

# Matthew 26:75 NKJV

# 75And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

# *Peter received the Holy Spirit.*

# Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

# 2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

# 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

# 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.

# 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

# *Peter became bold because he was full of the Holy Spirit.*

# Acts 3:1-8 NKJV

# 3 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour.*

# 2And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

# 3who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

# 4And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.”

# 5So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

# 6Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

# 7And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

# 8So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

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