

Vulnerable Before God

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*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”
(Psalm 139:23-24).*

Good Ol’ Peter. He was such a loyal friend. He was so full of enthusiasm and zest for the kingdom of God. Never would he have imagined that he would turn his back on his closest friend and teacher, Jesus. Peter was in denial of his impending denial.

In verse 33 of Matthew 26 we read Peter’s words: “Even if the others fall away on account of you, I never will.”

He is so sure of himself and his sense of loyalty. And that’s where the problem lies. Peter was, perhaps, depending on his own ability to stand strong in the midst of pressure.

It brings to mind the warning in 1 Corinthians where Scripture predicts this fallacy of self-assuredness: If you think you’re standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall.

What if instead of responding to Jesus’ prophecy of his denial with a “Me? No Way!” Peter had humbly said, “Me? Really? Can you show me how I can stay strong because on my own I’m really, really weak.”

Vulnerability before God is a safe place. It’s the first step in growing in faith.

Going forward make a point to be vulnerable before God. Make a habit of asking him for supernatural strength in your faith walk because on your own -- you absolutely cannot make it through!

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