

The last game in Houston was exhausting. Game number six was exciting but reassuring. Our Dodgers were on a roll. History was now on their side. OK, sports prognosticators embellish everything. That's what they do. But they kept reassuring us; it's been, I don't know, I think they said 50 years since an American League team won a 7th game of the World Series on the road. That's history...not baseball. My hope went out the door when the countdown began; *"the Dodgers are down to their last 9 outs...8...7...6...5...4...3...2...and the Huston Astros are World Champions!"* Countdowns are great for rocket take-off. They're not so great when your team is losing...or when you're up against the Lord's prophetic description of the way you will disown Him.

Boasting is _____

Zeal has its _____

All bets are off when we are _____

Those who follow Jesus _____ **over their sin**

Restoration is consistent with _____

Personal Application and Interaction

1. “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall” (Prov. 16:18). How have you experienced this truth in your own life or witnessed it in the behavior of others?
2. “I gave an account of my ways and you answered me; teach me your decrees” (Ps. 119:26). Tim and Kathy Keller, in *The Songs of Jesus* (devotions in the Psalms), write, “The psalmist surveys his life...using the Word to examine himself.” What is your practice when it comes to surveying your thoughts and actions using God’s Word?
3. Peter was a deeply devoted follower of Christ. How could he have disowned Jesus so horribly?
4. Please reflect deeply on the following question: how do you disown Jesus? What would He have to say about this?
5. Meditate on John 21:15-25. What did Jesus do to reinstate Peter with His three questions about his love for Him? How have you experienced something like this? How has He reinstated you when you’ve disowned Him?



Courtyard Countdown

Mark 14:66-72

Pastor John

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