June 8

Peter's Great Boldness for Jesus is Stripped by a Maid

Our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them: transgressing and denying Yahweh, and turning away from following our God – Isaiah 59:12-13

[John 18:15-18, Annas' house, Thursday morning, just after midnight] Simon Peter followed Jesus *from a distance*, as did another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought in Peter to see the end. Then the maid who kept the door said to Peter, "Are you also one of this man's disciples?"

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He *denied Jesus* before them all *and* said, "*Woman*, I am not. *I don't know him. I neither know, nor understand what you are saying.*"

Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a fire of coals, for it was cold. They were warming themselves. Peter was with them, standing and warming himself. *He went out on the porch, and the rooster crowed*. [Matthew 26:57-58, 69-70, *Mark 14:54-55, 66-68, Luke 22:54-57*]

1. Who sparks Peter's first denial? Why is this significant? Have you denied Jesus this way?

2. Have you been denied? How? How did you feel? How can you stop denying Jesus today?

3. Jesus, great Yahweh, the I AM; I've denied you in so many ways, please help me today to…