

# *the* TAKE HOME 11.08.15

## Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 16:21-17:8

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**21** From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. **22** Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" **23** Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." **24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. **26** What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. **28** I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

**1** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. **4** Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." **5** While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." **8** When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

### Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. What do you think prompted Peter to "rebuke" Jesus?
2. Why was Jesus response so emphatic?
3. Six days later Jesus invited Peter along with James and John to witness the Transfiguration, a very revealing moment in His life. Why do you think He included Peter?
4. Agree or Disagree: All sin is failure but not all failure is sin. Why?
5. Can you cite instances of failure by sin in your life and other failures that were not sinful?
6. Is there a "preventative" to further failures in the Transfiguration account? What is it?

### Prayer

1. For our families' unity and valuable time together
2. Our church leadership
3. Continuing impact from the "Man Camp" experience for the men who attended.
4. Those near to us who are not yet believers