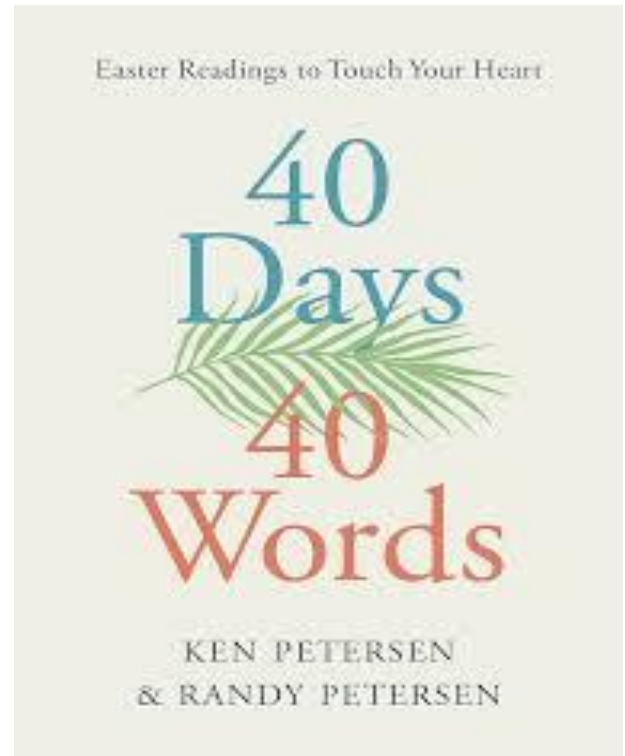




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## Lesson 5

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Online Bible Study

6:30 pm

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And  
we're  
back.....

**I. Where were we? What were we doing?**

- A. Preparing to host the 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the New Jersey Annual Conference
- B. Hosting the 154<sup>th</sup> Session of the New Jersey Annual Conference
- C. Holy Week/Resurrection Sunday
- D. We were just...



**II. Let's Recalibrate**

- A. Let's finish "40 Days, 40 Words," and carry it through to the end of Eastertide (the Season after the Resurrection) until Pentecost (May 24).
- B. We will use the same structure as before, focusing on a word in the book, and will use that word to create the Bible Study for the week.
  - 1. Tuesday, April 14 – Deny
  - 2. Tuesday, April 21 – Passion
  - 3. Tuesday, April 28 – Salvation
  - 4. Tuesday, May 5 – Good
  - 5. Tuesday, May 12 – Tomb
  - 6. Tuesday, May 19 - Resurrection
- B. Please finish reading the book if you have not done so already.

### III. This Week's Focus – Deny

#### A. Meaning

1. Restricting access
2. Saying that something never happened or that something does not exist

#### B. A main text

#### New King James Version

<b>Matthew 26:31-35</b>	<b>Mark 14:27-31</b>	<b>Luke 22:31-34</b>	<b>John 13:36-38</b>
<p><sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup> But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." <sup>34</sup> <b>Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."</b> <sup>35</sup> Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.</p>	<p><sup>27</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.'<sup>28</sup> "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>29</sup> Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I <i>will not be.</i>" <sup>30</sup> <b>Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."</b> <sup>31</sup> But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.</p>	<p><sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." <sup>33</sup> But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> <b>Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."</b></p>	<p><sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." <sup>37</sup> Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake." <sup>38</sup> <b>Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall not crow till you have denied Me three times.</b></p>

#### C. Another text to consider

#### D.

### **Matthew 16:24 NIV**

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

#### **IV. A Few Things to Think About**

- A. Have you ever been in a position where you were denied or participated in the denial of someone else?
- B. What fuels denial?
  1. Lack of or fear of commitment
  2. Need for community or social acceptance
  3. Emotional unavailability
  4. Protecting ego/fear of vulnerability
  5. Avoiding pain/rejection
  6. Being punished or penalized for telling the truth [actions (and words) have consequences]

#### **V. How Jesus Handled Peter’s Denial in John**

### **John 21:15-25 NIV**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” <sup>23</sup> Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?” <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. <sup>25</sup> Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

- A. Jesus was willing to forgive Peter.
- B. Jesus initiated the forgiveness process.

- C. Jesus challenged Peter to “do something” to show his willingness to forgive.
  - 1. Feed
  - 2. Take Care Of
  - 3. Follow
  - 4. Love
- D. Jesus gave Peter responsibility.
- E. Peter’s annoyance while being restored.

**VI. Next Week – Passion**

**VII. Are You Still Monitoring the 26 Things?**

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**26 THINGS TO STOP DOING IN 2026  
(According to the Stoics)**

- 1. ✓ Stop complaining. – Week 1-2
- 2. ✓ Stop saying yes when you want to say no. – Week 3-4
- 3. ✓ Stop worrying about things outside of your control. – Week 5-6
- 4. ✓ Stop taking things personally. – Week 7-8
- 5. ✓ Stop avoiding discomfort. – Week 9-10
- 6. ✓ Stop hanging out with the wrong crowd. – Week 11-12
- 7. ✓ Stop believing every thought and emotion. – Week 13-14
- 8. ✓ Stop reacting to every emotion. – Week 15-16
- 9. Stop wasting the morning. – Week 17-18
- 10. Stop wanting more possessions. – Week 19-20
- 11. Stop giving away your time. – Week 21-22
- 12. Stop acting only for yourself. – Week 23-24
- 13. Stop suffering imagined troubles. – Week 25-26
- 14. Stop allowing distractions in. – Week 27-28
- 15. Stop talking more than you listen. – Week 29-30
- 16. Stop trying to control everything. – Week 31-32
- 17. Stop tying your wellbeing to results. – Week 33-34
- 18. Stop expecting more from others than from yourself. – Week 35-36
- 19. Stop choosing the easy option. – Week 37-38
- 20. Stop doing the inessential things. – Week 39-40
- 21. Stop comparing yourself to others. – Week 41-42
- 22. Stop trying to do everything on your own. Ask for help. – Week 43-44
- 23. Stop looking for “the third thing.” – Week 45-46
- 24. Stop seeking fame. – Week 47-48

25. Stop fearing death. – **Week 49-50**  
26. Stop thinking you are going to live forever. – **Week 51-52**

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