

# SHAME ON YOU

Bring it on,  
**MONDAY**

Groovy, it's  
**TUESDAY**

Be ...

## honest

**So, here's the story ...**

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will."

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "This very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times."

But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." And all the other disciples said the same.

Later on that night, after Jesus had been arrested by order of the chief priests and elders ...

**Read the story for yourself in Matt. 26:33-35**

Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. Then he went to the gateway where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

**Read the story for yourself in Matt. 26:69-75**

### Take it to God

Being honest with yourself and God is a huge step in building a good relationship. He already knows anyway, so doesn't it make more sense to just be real? Be honest and sincere when you talk to God.

Halfway there

**WEDNESDAY**

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A.M.

You wanna be ...

**forgiven**

pardoned; excused;  
exonerated; vindicated;  
absolved; cleared of blame

or

**guilty**

at fault; in the wrong;  
liable; to blame;  
culpable

'Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.'

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**Philippians 1:6**

Throw your hands up

**THURSDAY**

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A.M.

*Make a difference ...*

**Step up:**

Making a mistake is one thing, but to continue doing that same thing is no longer a mistake — it's on purpose. When you mess up, stop that cycle. We have to repent (turn from that wrongdoing) and start acting right. Apologize to God and make a fresh start.

**Take it up a notch:**

Once you've straightened things out with yourself and God, stop letting guilt and shame beat you down. When God forgives you for something, you are completely forgiven from now until forever. No need to keep buying into that nonsense that you should feel terrible about yourself over something that's done and over. When you hear those stupid whispers in your head to feel bad over stuff you've taken to God, shut them out right then and there. They are lies.

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*Poll your friends ...*

Is there anything you've done that you've felt bad about later?

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**Jesus did lots of miracles while He was on the earth. Read about one of them here:**

John 2:1-11

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Eve



**FRIDAY**

*Finale*

**You don't have to stay stuck in guilt or shame**

**WEEKEND**

*WoodHoo!*

**A.M.**

**Sat.**

I can only imagine what was going on in the minds of the disciples — running for their lives when Jesus was arrested. They were no doubt terrified that they would end up in prison or sentenced to death for being His followers. And, poor Peter. Most everyone can relate to the guilt and shame that Peter surely felt after denying that he even knew Jesus. Not once, but three separate times, Peter was caught in some tense situations that could've landed him in jail — or worse — like his teacher. He didn't know what was going to happen. He must've been so scared. I'm not saying that what he did was right, but I can definitely understand his

fear during that crazy night. Some might have a really hard time understanding how a guy who spent so much time with the Lord, learning His ways, experiencing all the miracles that He performed, etc., could so easily dismiss all that when the high priests were trying to shut Him down. This was nothing new. Jesus fought with them all the time. But this time was different. It got real. We never truly know how we will behave or react when things get really serious. Be gentle with people. You don't know what battles they are facing or dealing with in their lives. There's a lot of hard stuff out there.

**NOON**

**P.M.**

**SUN.**

**EVE**

*Did you know?*

**Jesus was sentenced to be crucified (hung on a cross until He died). He was charged with blasphemy — that means showing great disrespect to God or something holy. When Jesus answered yes to their question whether He was the Son of God (which He actually was/and is), the priests refused to settle for anything less than His death. They did not believe Him; they accused Him of falsely pretending to be Israel's chosen One, the Messiah.**

# So, let's wrap it up



Vicky's  
view

For anyone concerned about what happened to Peter later on, there is some really good news. After Jesus died and His body was laid in the tomb, He rose again. He even went to see His disciples. In one of the times it is recorded (John 21), Jesus went to the sea of Tiberias, where Peter and several of the disciples had been fishing all night, with no luck. Like He had done years before, when He first called (Simon) Peter to follow

Him, Jesus told the crew to cast the net again. Just like before, they caught a great haul of fish. When they came to shore Jesus had a fire going and a meal ready for them to eat. He and Peter then had a conversation. No doubt, Peter was likely still feeling bad about his shameful behavior when his teacher had been arrested and taken away. Peter had denied he knew Jesus three times. I don't

think it's a coincidence that Jesus asked Simon (Peter) the same question three times in a row — "Do you love me?" Each time he answered yes. Jesus instructed him to feed His sheep — meaning he wanted him to take care of (protect, guide, encourage) the people, the disciples, all His followers. I think Jesus was basically appointing Peter to become the pastor over the first church ever. In Acts 1:3, it is said that

Jesus (after His resurrection) went around proving to people that He was, in fact, alive and well (again) for 40 days. After that He ascended up into Heaven. Before He went though, Jesus did speak of another who would be available as a helper. God sent the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, who would be a teacher and bring to people's minds what Jesus taught (John 14:26).

## Simon's shame didn't keep him from being useful

Jesus made sure that Simon Peter knew that He didn't hold a grudge after he messed up over and over. There wasn't a "told you so" moment. Always the good teacher, Jesus didn't rub it in Peter's face that he did exactly what Jesus had said he would do (denying Him three times before the rooster crowed). Jesus didn't get all hung up on the past, and He didn't

want Peter to do that, either. What was done was done. What Jesus did do was move forward. He instructed Peter to feed His sheep. Jesus knew His disciples still had a long road ahead. They would lead the way in the effort to establish the church (all the people who followed Jesus — and all those who would

follow in the future, not necessarily construct a building) and spread the good news of what Jesus had done for the whole world. That is still being done today, more than 2,000 years later. One day soon Jesus will come back. Only God knows (not even Jesus knows) exactly when that will be. (Matthew 24:36)

*Ponder this:*

**Have you done anything this week that you're ashamed of or feeling guilty for?**

*Time to take charge of your life:*

(Fill in the blank ...)

**has been bugging me lately, bringing me down. What can I do to change that? Do I need help from someone else? Who?**

*Something good that happened this week was:*

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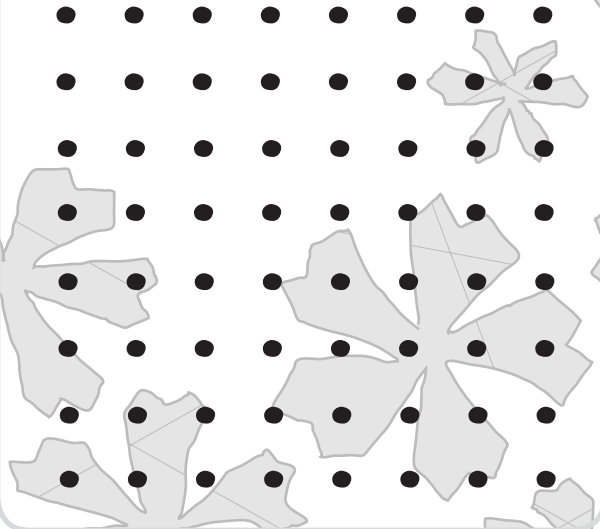
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*Let's read:*

**Matthew 26:33-75**

# Claiming the promised land

To play, connect two adjacent (next to each other) dots. Take turns with your opponent. If you complete a square, you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end of the game wins.



# Matthew 7:7

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SWEAR  
ROOSTER  
CROWED  
THREE  
WEPT  
BITTER

You are ...

**adored**

# Doodle Box



# Wandering the wilderness

Make your way along the words to make a sentence. Your journey will form one single path. You can only go north, south, east, or west and the path must never cross over itself. Start at the northwest corner and finish at the southeast corner.

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