

SERIES: NEXT STEP

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, March 2-3, 2024

SERMON: Following in His Trials

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26:57-75 NIV

[57] Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.

[58] But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

[59] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death.

[60] But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward

[61] and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

[62] Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

[63] But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

[64] "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

[65] Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy.

[66] What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered.

[67] Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him

[68] and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

[69] Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

[70] But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

[71] Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

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

[73] After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

[74] Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

[75] Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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TRIALS REVEAL:

1. _____

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2. Sin, _____, and brokenness

- **Luke 22:31-32** *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”*
- **Joshua 1:9** *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*
- **Isaiah 50:5-6** *The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.*
- It is so easy to get caught up in the _____.

3. _____

- **Matthew 27:54** *When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”*
- **John 19:26-27** *When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*
- We all need to _____.
Psalms 139:23-24 *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*
- We’re all _____ for, “what would you have me to do with Jesus?”

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Sometimes we take very important items for granted. At FBC Covington, one of those areas is in assuming everyone knows the ministers on our church staff. Since that obviously is not known by everyone, let me take this opportunity to give you that information.

At the moment, we have 10 fulltime ministers for our congregation. *Our current ministers have a combined 166 years of service to FBC!* That blows my mind.

You can see a picture and bio at www.fbccov.org/about/#staff.

David and Linda Rockett David is our longest serving staff member. They came to FBC in February 1980 and have two children Thomas (Ashley) and Laura - and two grandchildren.

Waylon and Martha Bailey have served since May 1989. They have two children Anna (Chris) and Emily (Brad) - and four grandchildren.

Glynn and Melinda Robinson have served at FBC since May 1997. They have three children – Mollie (Chris), Mary Landrum, and Will. They have three grandchildren.

Bill and Jill Boren came to FBC in May 2006. They have three daughters, Halle and Hannah, and Harper.

Josh and Leslie Jordan Josh came to FBC in 2007 and shortly thereafter married Leslie. They have four children – Kate, Judah, Jonas, and John Luke.

Chris and Crystal Kroll have served at FBC since December 2014. They have five children – Andrew, Luke, Ella Grace, Emery, and Nathaniel.

Maggie and Carl Fredericks began serving with us in February 2017. They have five children - Madeleine (Aaron), Donovan, Jonathan (Michaela), Harrison (Samantha), and Jacquelyn (Zachary). They have 2 grandchildren.

David and Sara Logan came to FBC a few months later than the Fredericks in December 2017. They have four children – Georgia, Lilly, Kingsley, and Ben.

Adam and Laura Watson began serving in January of the Covid year of 2020. They are blessed with six children, Annabelle and Will, Ellie and Emma, Benjamin, and Ava.

Carl and Megan Doescher Carl is the newest member of our staff, having begun in January of 2021. They have two young children who were born while they have served at FBC - Paisley and Ryman.

Next week we will present a prospective preschool minister who is being recommended by the pastoral team and the personnel team of FBC. We will vote on this recommendation **Wednesday, March 13th at 6:45PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Developing staff is a continual responsibility at any church. Please pray for other new Pastor team members who will be presented in the months to come.

Waylon