



"It's Her Fault!", Wednesday Minute January 15, 2020

*"Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me." Luke 22:34 NIV*

*Read: Luke 22:54-62*

At one time or another we all have pointed the blame on someone else rather than accept responsibility for our own actions or lack of action. A month ago, I witnessed an accident in a parking lot. A lady was waiting patiently for a car ahead of her to pull out of a parking space. Meanwhile, on her vehicle's left rear another car was attempting to back out of her parking space and not wanting to wait for the first car to move forward. Instead, she attempted to back around the waiting car...even though she still would not be able to go anywhere. Seeing the second car was going to hit the waiting car, I began honking my horn. She continued in backing out and hit the waiting car.

That could have been the end of the story except the guilty lady jumped out in a rage blaming the lady who had been patiently waiting and screaming: "I barely hit her, but it was her fault!" Now, others gathered around and all supported the lady who had been waiting. The reckless driver would not give up. Screaming words you can imagine, she jumped back into her car and tried to leave, but with no way out. Minutes later she finally gave up and shared her driver's license and insurance but still insisting it was the lady who was patiently waiting's fault as she then turned her wrath on the witnesses.

Sometimes, we just want to be right even when we are wrong. Peter had the same problem. JESUS had told Peter he would deny JESUS three times before the rooster crowed. Peter ignored JESUS believing he would never deny JESUS. Peter denied JESUS the first time and refused to see what he had done. Then, he denied JESUS the second time, while still ignoring his actions. It was not until he had denied JESUS the third time and heard the rooster crow that he realized

how right JESUS was and how he had failed to accept responsibility each and every time he had denied JESUS.

Are you denying JESUS? How many times does the rooster have to crow in your life before you accept the responsibility for your actions? How much longer until you admit your wrongs and ask JESUS to forgive you? JESUS will forgive you if you ask...

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for accepting me into YOUR Kingdom even knowing how wrong I have been. Forgive me, I pray, for failing YOU. I have denied YOU too many times. Help me accept my guilt as I ask for YOUR forgiveness. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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