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Luke 22: 54-65

After arresting Jesus they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

Questions

1. St. Peter's quick abandoning of Christ recalls our own fragility. How many times have we thought ourselves strong and then found ourselves rationalizing not standing up for the Church or Christ? What should we do when the impulse to be quiet become very strong?
2. Why is it so important to defend Christ especially in front of children? How do we teach children not to worry about the crowd's opinion when defending Christ?
3. Peter denies Christ not just once but three times. Is there anything in my life I stubbornly grip onto? What are strategies to counter a sin that I have trouble overcoming? How do we overcome an attachment to sin?
4. When we realize we have hurt someone (wife, parents, children, others) through words, neglect, lack of interest, etc. how quickly do we remedy it? do we get over sensitive when others tell us we have done something wrong? How do I overcome my prideful resistance to being corrected?