

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for August 5-6, 2006

"The Proud Interaction of Peter with Christ"

John 13:36-38

Pride is simply thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought.

Jesus' introduction to the farewell discourse contained three fundamental factors that would be important in shaping the course of His disciples immediate future.

The first factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new glory (John 13:31-32).

The second factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new situation (John 13:33).

The third factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new commandment (John 13:34-35).

The pride of Peter displayed (John 13:36).

Peter's pride was displayed in the question he asked Christ in John 13:36.

Jesus did not respond to Peter's specific question because the reason for the question was of greater importance to Christ than the question itself.

Based on Jesus' response in John 13:36, we would have to conclude that Peter's question was not motivated by curiosity but by a desire to follow Christ in spite of what Christ shared in John 13:33.

Peter's pride was displayed in his question because his question was motivated by his desire to join Jesus on a journey that Jesus had made very clear to him would not happen.

When Jesus spoke of Peter following Him "later," Jesus was speaking about a future time when Peter, after faithfully fulfilling his earthly mission, would join Christ in glory.

The pride of Peter flaunted (John 13:37).

The pride of Peter challenged (John 13:38).

"God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble."