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Theme of Abandonment
Mark 14:27-72
27-31 Prediction of Abandonment
32-41 Abandonment by indifference . (Inner
three)
42-45 Abandonment by betrayal . Judas
46-52 Abandonment by fleeing . The twelve
66-72 Abandonment by denial . Peter

Jesus Is Still in Control
Mark 14:27-28 And Jesus said to them, **%You will all
fall away**, because it is written, **± WILL STRIKE
DOWN THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP SHALL
BE SCATTERED.**q 28 **%But after I have been raised, I
will go ahead of you to Galilee.+**
Zechariah 13:7 (a, c) **%Awake, O sword, against My
Shepherd**, and against the man, **My Associate**.+
Declares the LORD of hostsō and **I will turn My hand
against the little ones.+**



Excursus: Peter Will Finally Understand

Zechariah 13:8-9 It will come about in all the land,+ Declares the LORD, %~~h~~at two parts in it will be cut off and perish; but the third will be left in it. 9 %**And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested.** They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, %~~T~~hey are My people and I will be their God.+

1 Peter 4:17 **For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God;** and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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Peter and the Twelve's Prideful Boasting

Mark 14:29-31 But Peter said to Him, %**Even though all may fall away, yet I will not.**+ 30 And Jesus said to him, %~~T~~ruly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.+ 31 But Peter kept saying insistently, %**Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!**+And they all were saying the same thing also.

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Applications

1. We should be on guard against a prideful attitude and learn to humbly trust God alone.
2. We should learn to simply let our %yes be yes and our no be no+instead of taking various prideful oaths.
3. We can rejoice in the fact that God is faithful despite His people's short comings.

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1. A Humble Heart Trusts God Not Self!

Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 9 Thus says the LORD,
 %Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and
 makes flesh his strength, And whose heart
 turns away from the LORDō Blessed is the
 man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust
 is the LORDō The heart is more deceitful than
 all else And is desperately sick; Who can
 understand it?

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2. We Should Avoid Oath Taking

Matthew 5:33-37 NET Again, you have heard that it
 was said to an older generation, ~~Do~~ not break an
 oath, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.q 34 But I say to
 you, do not take oaths at all- not by heaven,
 because it is the throne of God, 35 not by earth,
 because it is his footstool, and not by Jerusalem,
 because it is the city of the great King. 36 Do not
 take an oath by your head, because you are not able
 to make one hair white or black. 37 Let your word be
~~Yes~~, yesq or ~~No~~, no.q More than this is from the evil
 one.

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2. We Should Avoid Boastful Talk

James 4:13-16 Come now, you who say,
 %Today or tomorrow we will go to such and
 such a city, and spend a year there and
 engage in business and make a profit.+ 14 Yet
 you do not know what your life will be like
 tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears
 for a little while and then vanishes away. 15
 Instead, you ought to say, %If the Lord wills, we
 will live and also do this or that.+ 16 But as it
 is, you boast in your arrogance; all such
 boasting is evil.

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3. The Lord Is Faithful Even When We Are Not!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

2 Timothy 2:11-13 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him; 12 If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us; 13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

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