

**Welcome:** We would like to welcome you here today for our worship service with our sermon series called “Living the Transformed Life.” Our sermon today is called “**Peter’s Denial and Restoration.**” Our sermon text is Luke 22:54-62 and John 21:1-19. Note" the messages each week are also available on podcast from the church web page [www.lightofchristwi.org](http://www.lightofchristwi.org)

### Sermon Outline

1. The first thing we learn from the story of Peter is, “It is easy to say I am devoted to Jesus in the confines of a safe place, but our claims are meaningful only when they are tested in the crucible of persecution.” Why is this true? Explain a time when this happened in your life?  

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2. Humility precedes repentance, which leads to transformation...for to truly repent we must humble ourselves before God. Why is humility so important in regard to repentance?  

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3. *James 1:12-15 it says, “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.* Why are trials so important in our spiritual development?  

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4. Wise believers determine ahead of time to resist temptation – before it enters their consciousness. There are two cornerstones to a good defense; the commitment to obey God, and recognition that He is in control and has limited what Satan can do. 1 Cor. 10:13 says, “*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.*” No defense against temptation is complete without Scripture and prayer. Where is an area in your life where you need to develop a plan against temptation?  

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5. Even when I fail...our Lord seeks us out leading us to repentance so we can be healed with the balm of his forgiveness and then he calls us again to follow him. Where has there been a time where you have failed and the Lord brought you to repentance and restoration?  

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6. Sermon Mediation – What is the Lord telling you today? What is challenging about what the Lord is telling you? Why is it challenging? What would He like you to do about what He has communicated with you today?  

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