



# New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

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**Bible Study**

*“...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation...”*  
(2 Tim. 3:15)

## Fearful Leadership (pt.2)

In Pine Bluff Arkansas there was a young boy who would often play in his grandmother's garden and then rest under an apple tree and for shade. He noticed the apples that had fallen on the ground and he began to eat one. As he ate the small green apple he could hear in his mind his grandmother telling him not to eat them but he just couldn't stop. Once he was done he saw another apple beside him. He knew he shouldn't eat it but he just couldn't help himself. As we see the second denial of Peter we can see him falling into the same trap as the young boy in the garden. Once you commit one sin it is usually easier to do it again.

**Mk. 14:68b,69)** *“And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew. (\*)\_And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.”*

**Matt. 26:71)** *“And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.”*

- “And he went out into the porch” – Peter was frustrated with himself and the situation. He was trying to hide and his plan is falling apart right in front of his eyes.
- He was trying to be close enough to Jesus to be a witness of the events, but not too close to be arrested.
- God is looking for people that will follow Him with their whole heart. {Josh. 24:15; Rev. 3:14-16}
- “And a maid saw him again... This is one of them.” “another maid saw him, and said... This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth.” – the first maid saw Peter and commented that he was with Jesus.
- A second maid came into the courtyard [*it's assumed to relieve the first maid at the gate*] and she also identified Peter as being with Jesus.
- Peter paid attention to everything that was being said and he eventually responded. But if he would have paid closer attention to the words of Jesus he would've had a better understanding of these events.

