

Luke 22:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Analysis

Peter's bold declaration—**Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death**—reveals sincere devotion mixed with catastrophic self-confidence. The emphatic I am ready (ἔτοιμός εἰμι, *hetoimos eimi*) contrasts sharply with Jesus's prediction of denial. Peter genuinely believed his loyalty would endure any test, yet within hours he would collapse under pressure from a servant girl.

Peter's failure illustrates the danger of presuming on our own strength. His intentions were noble, his courage real (he did draw a sword in Gethsemane), but his self-reliance was fatal. Only after Peter experienced utter failure and Christ's restoration (John 21) would he become the rock Jesus named him. The greatest saints are often those who've learned through painful failure that apart from Christ they can do nothing (John 15:5).

Historical Context

Roman imprisonment and crucifixion awaited those accused of sedition or blasphemy. Peter's willingness to face these horrors demonstrated real courage shaped by three years with Jesus. Yet the disciple who would later be martyred for Christ (church tradition says crucified upside down) first needed to confront his weakness. The apostle who wrote about humble dependence on grace (1 Peter 5:5-7) learned through denial's crucible.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. In what areas of your Christian life are you relying on self-confidence rather than desperate dependence on Christ's strength?
2. How has God used your failures and weaknesses to teach you genuine humility and reliance on His grace?
3. What is the difference between Spirit-empowered courage and fleshly self-confidence in facing spiritual opposition?

Interlinear Text

ὁ	δὲ	εἶπεν	αὐτῷ	Κύριε	μετὰ	σοῦ	ἔτοιμός	εἰμι	καὶ
G3588	And	he said	unto him	Lord	with	thee	ready	I am	and
	G1161	G2036	G846	G2962	G3326	G4675	G2092	G1510	G2532
εἰς	φυλακὴν	καὶ	εἰς	θάνατον	πορεύεσθαι				
into	prison	and	into	death	to go				
G1519	G5438	G2532	G1519	G2288	G4198				

Additional Cross-References

Mark 14:31 (Parallel theme): But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

Mark 14:29 (Parallel theme): But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

Matthew 20:22 (Parallel theme): But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

