

Matthew 26:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Peter answered and said... Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended (ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· εἰ πάντες σκανδαλισθήσονται ἐν σοί, ἐγὼ οὐδέποτε σκανδαλισθήσομαι, apokritheis de ho Petros eipen autō· ei pantes skandalisthēsontai en soi, egō oudepote skandalisthēsomai)—Peter's self-confidence contradicts Jesus's direct prophecy. **Never** (οὐδέποτε, oudepote)—emphatic: 'not even once, absolutely never.'

Peter distinguishes himself from **all men**, claiming superior devotion. His pride blinds him to his own weakness. This overconfidence sets up his spectacular failure (v. 69-75), teaching that **he that thinketh he standeth must take heed lest he fall** (1 Corinthians 10:12). True strength acknowledges utter dependence on Christ.

Historical Context

Peter's personality throughout the Gospels shows impulsive boldness mixed with genuine devotion. As the group's informal spokesman, he often spoke first and most forcefully. His claim to surpass others in loyalty reflected both his passionate love for Jesus and his dangerous self-reliance before receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. When have you been most vulnerable to spiritual failure—in moments of confidence or acknowledged weakness?
2. What does Peter's overconfidence teach about the danger of comparing your faithfulness to others?

Interlinear Text

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answered **and** **G3588** **Peter** **said** **unto him** **G1487** **G2532** **all**

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σκανδαλισθήσομαι ἐν σοί ἐγὼ οὐδέποτε

be offended **because** **of thee** **yet will I** **never**

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σκανδαλισθήσομαι

be offended

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Additional Cross-References

Luke 22:33 (Parallel theme): And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.