# Decisions

# Peter: Where Do You Stand?

## Proverbs 8:10–11; Matthew 26:69–75

#### 7 things about Peter

- 1. He was the first disciple called by Jesus
- 2. He was passionately sincere
- 3. He was recognized as the leader
- 4. He sought to apply his faith
- 5. He was spiritually attuned
- 6. He had a dramatic faith
- 7. He was in Jesus' inner circle

## Yet he denied the LORD!

### Anatomy of a denial

- 1. A sense of self-importance
- 2. Self-deception
- 3. Arguing with Jesus
  - a. He rebuked Jesus
  - b. Tells Jesus He is wrong
  - c. Tells Jesus how it will "really" happen

### How do I deny the LORD today?

- 1. Distancing myself from identifying with Him
- 2. Diluting the authority of the Word
- 3. Dismembering His Body

#### How does Jesus restore us?

- 1. Jesus is praying for you (Romans 8:34–35).
- 2. Jesus is prophesying over you (Philippians 1:6).
- 3. Jesus is walking with us (Hebrews 13:5).