# The Servant King

The story of the ***King***... who came to **serve**.

1. Peter’s failure to be a true witness

2. Peter’s healing and subsequent success as a true witness

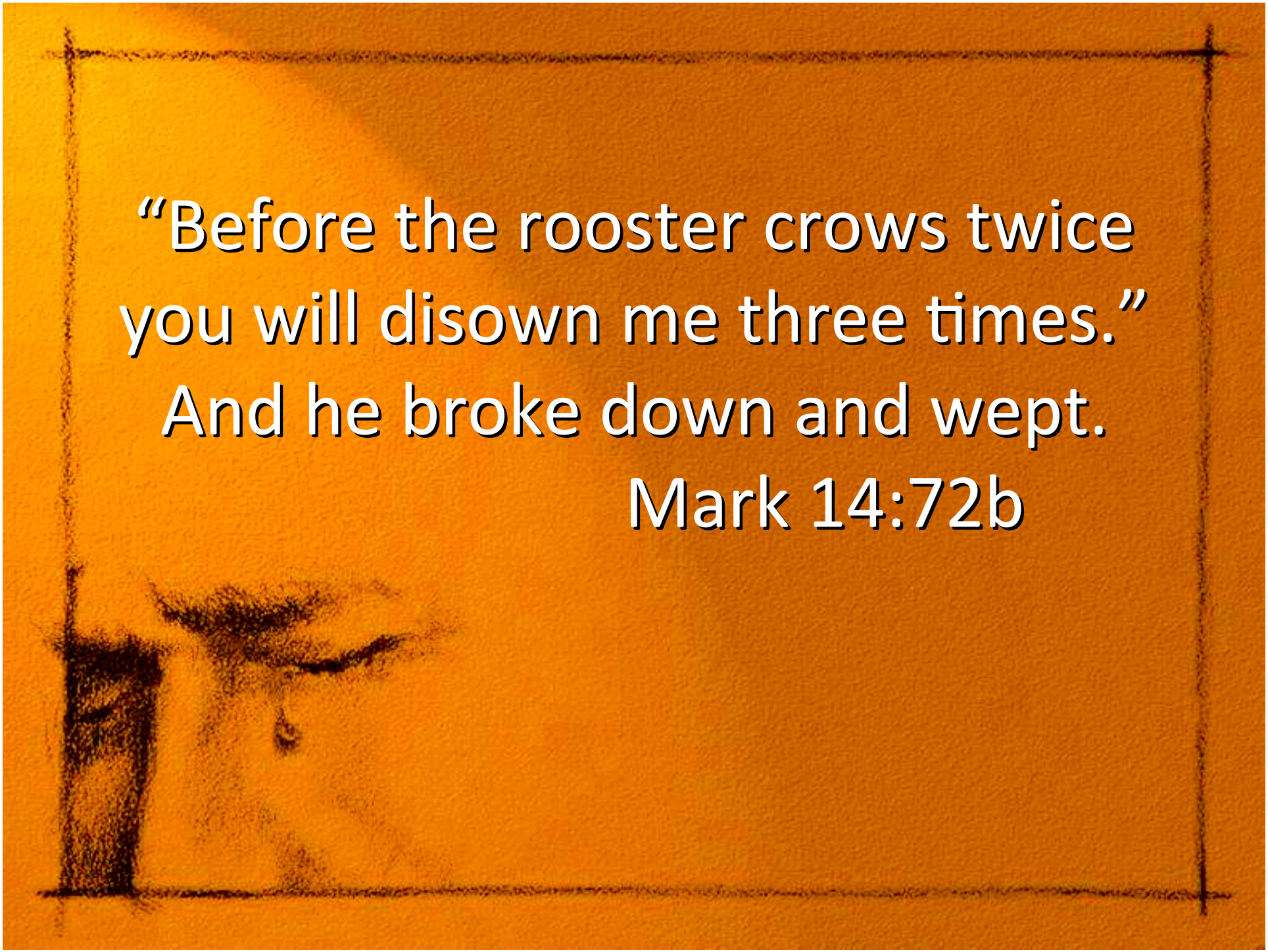
3. What it is that makes you a great witness for Christ.

Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.
Mark 14:54

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said. 68 But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.
Mark 14:67,68

When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” 70 Again he denied it.
Mark 14:69,70

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” 71 He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” Mark 14:70,71


“Before the rooster crows twice
you will disown me three times.”
And he broke down and wept.
Mark 14:72b

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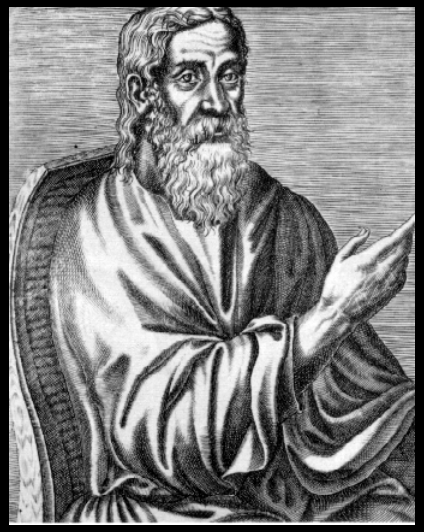
# 2. Peter's healing and subsequent success as a true witness



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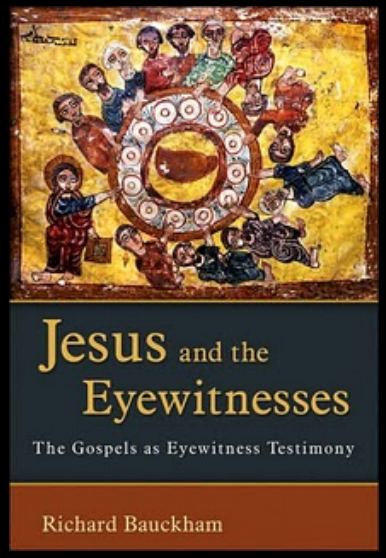
"Let us remember the noble examples of our own generation, through jealousy and hatred, the most just pillars of our church were persecuted and put onto death; even Peter, at last having delivered his testimony. He parted to the place of glory prepared for him.




*"No one in the early church would have dared to highlight the weakness and the failure of the most revered and significant leader in the entire Christian movement, with the candor Mark's narrative does. Therefore the only possible source for the account of Peter's denial would be Peter himself. "*

3. What it is that makes you a great witness for Christ.

1 John 1:9
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:1b,2 … we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. **2** He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins…

33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Romans 8:33,34

I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below —indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39

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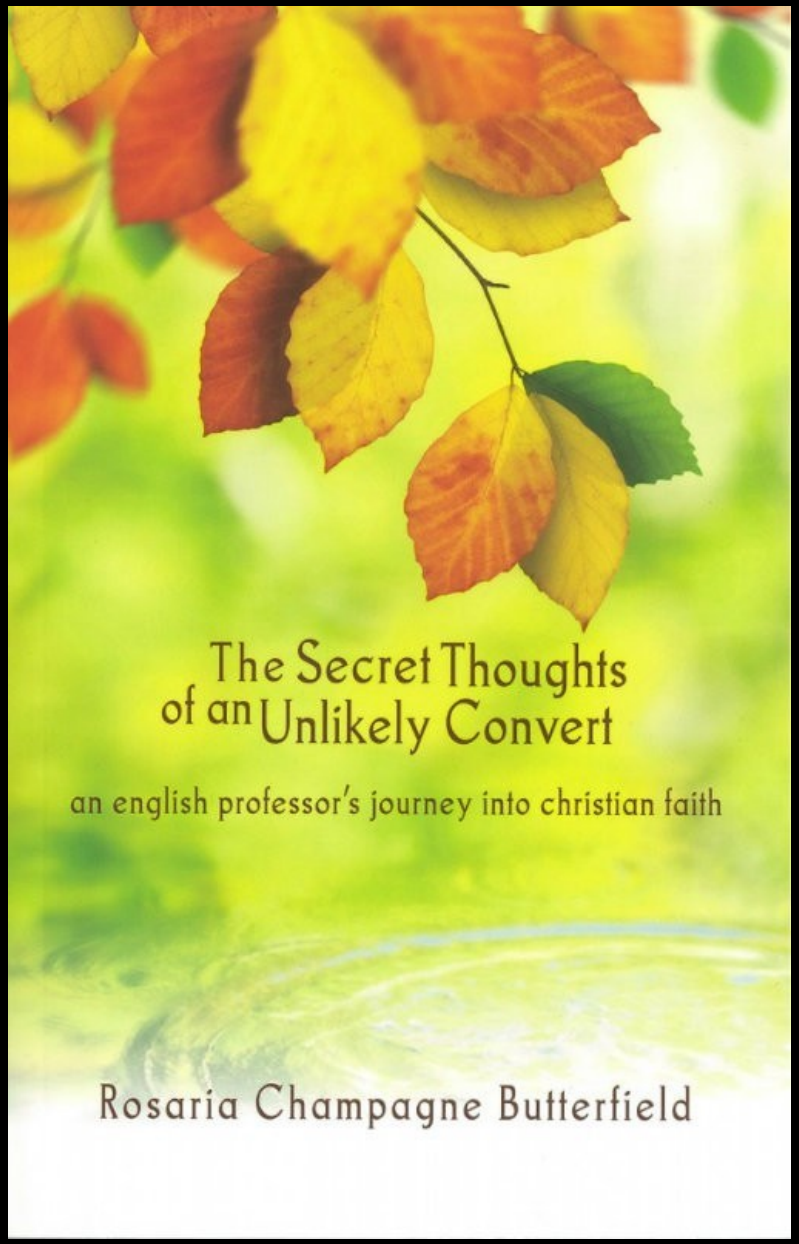
Repentance isn't about changing, it's about knowing who you are, or better put, who's you are, and who God is, knowing what you've done **and going to Him with it."**

Author and Professor Steve Brown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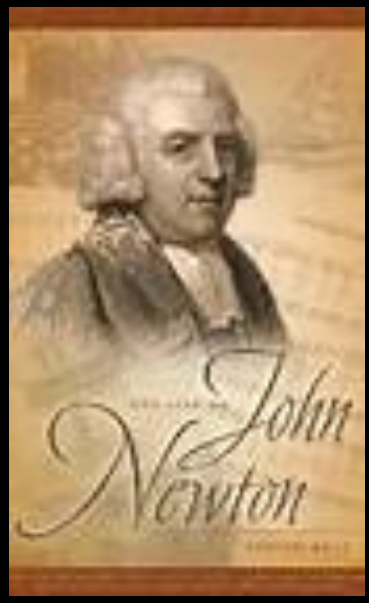
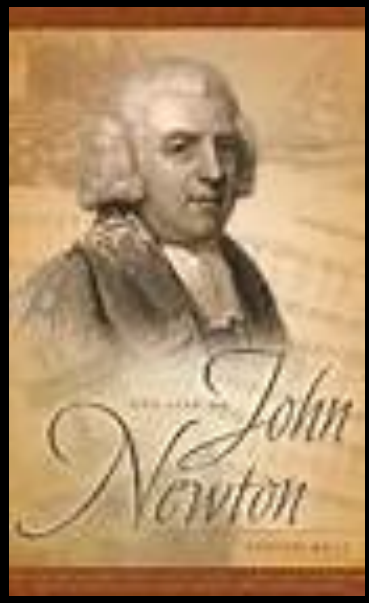
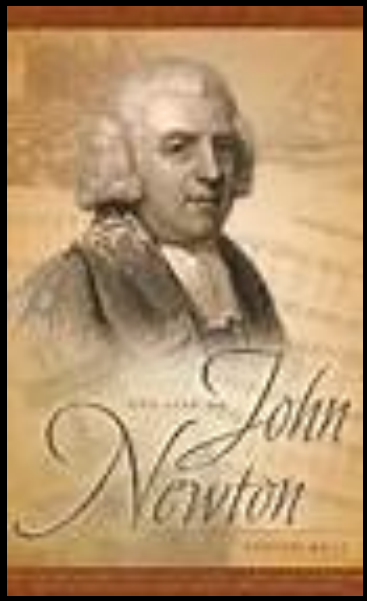
# The 1st rule of repentance:

Repentance requires greater intimacy with God than with our sin. How greater? About the size of a mustard seed. Repentance requires that we draw near to Jesus, no matter what. And sometimes we all have to crawl there on hands and knees. Repentance is an intimate affair. And for many of us, intimacy with anything is a terrifying prospect.

*"You say you feel overwhelmed with guilt over a sense of unworthiness? Well, you cannot be too aware of the inward, and inbred evils of the human heart, but you maybe, indeed you are improperly effected by them. You say it's hard to understand how a holy God could accept someone like yourself?*



*Well, you've expressed not only a low opinion of yourself, which is perfectly right, but you also express far too low an opinion of the person, work, and promises of the LORD Jesus Christ, the Redeemer, which is absolutely wrong.*



*You complain about sin but when we examine your complaints they are so full of self-righteousness, pride and unbelief, they are little better then the worse evils you complain of.*