

## **Before the Rooster Crowed**

### **Ready:**

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them."

-Acts 2:2-3

### **Set**

As athletes, we train to become faster and stronger. We try to bring as much power to our sport as we can. We may engage in a weight-training program. We may go out and run. We may attend a sports camp. But even more important than our physical training, is our spiritual training.

Consider a plain, ordinary light bulb. How much power does it put out? On its own, it puts out absolutely none. It has to be hooked to a power source.

This reminds me of the Apostle Peter, a very interesting person. He was a common man, a fisherman by trade, a powerful man. And we certainly have to agree that Peter was dedicated to his calling. He said he would never be offended or draw away for the Lord. (Matthew 26:33-35) But what happened before the rooster crowed? Peter denied Jesus. Not once, but three times. (Matthew 26:74-75) Later on, at Pentecost, Peter boldly proclaimed the Gospel and was instrumental in the bringing thousands to the Lord. What made the difference? The time spent waiting on the Lord (Isaiah 40:31) and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Today, make sure you're connected to the Power Source.

### **Go**

1. How did Peter stumble?
2. How can you be hooked to the Power Source?
3. What happens when you wait on the Lord?
4. What has God promised to do if you accept Christ and rely on Him as your Source of power?

### **Workout**

Isaiah 40:31

Matthew 26:31-75

Philippians 4:13, 19

### **Bible Reference:**

Philippians 4



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