

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## How to Set My Course

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- I. **How We Get Into Trouble: Luke 22:60-62**
  - A. The Elijah Complex
    1. **Matthew 26:31-34** - Even though all may fall away - not me
    2. **1 Kings 19:9-10** - I alone am left - no one cares but me!!
  - B. Thinking We Have the Whole Picture
    1. **Matthew 16:21-23** - What is and is NOT going to happen
    2. **James 4:13-16** - Arrogance - we don't know - God's will
    3. **Luke 22:54** - Since when does Peter follow at a distance?
  - C. Believing We Are Stronger Than Satan
    1. **Matthew 26:35** - "Even if I have to die with You, not deny"
    2. **John 18:10-11** - Ready to fight - Got it together??
    3. Trusted in himself, confidence in self, his strength
- II. **How to Go in the Right Direction: John 21:15-17**
  - A. Know That God Knows and Cares
    1. How intimidating - Jesus addressing my arrogance
    2. But not discouraging: **Ezekiel 18:30-32** - repent and live
  - B. Be Honest With Yourself
    1. Peter struggled with this: Love (agapao) vs. love (phileo)
      - a. Not wanting to be less than what Jesus wants
      - b. Looking back with disappointment at DENIAL
    2. Three ways to handle disappointment
      - a. Pretend you didn't do anything wrong (excuses)
      - b. Use them as a reason to give up
      - c. Use them as markers for growth (know where u r)
  - C. Stop Comparing - Take Personal Responsibility
    1. Do you love me more than these? **Matt 26; John 21:21**
    2. What comparing does for us
      - a. Stunts growth - I'm fine right here (compare)
      - b. Discourages - I'll never be as good as...
      - c. Shifts responsibility to act to others - not me
  - D. Remember It Is God's Farm: Feed MY sheep; Tend MY lambs
  - E. Think "Life" Not "Look"
    1. Feeding = "to feed, tend a flock, keep sheep; to nourish"
    2. The little things show the heart - shows where your LIFE is.