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AFTER THE ROOSTER

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GENRE: Drama

SYNOPSIS: A contemporary look at Simon Peter, "The Rock," who denied the Lord but found forgiveness.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: This scene could be performed well in either reader's theatre style, or with three characters on stage delivering the lines as memorized dialogue.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 3

TOPIC: Forgiveness, Easter

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: John 13:36-38, John 18:15-27, John 21:1-25

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Easter

SUGGESTED USE: Worship Service, Seeker Service

CHARACTERS:

STORYTELLER #1

STORYTELLER #2

STORYTELLER #3

PROPS: None

COSTUMES: Unspecified

SOUND: Three wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage

SETTING: Unspecified

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Lights up on the STORYTELLERS.

STORYTELLER 1: Simon was always called Peter the rock.

STORYTELLER 2: But depending on the day that could either refer to his strength in building the church—

STORYTELLER 3: . . . or the contents of his head.

STORYTELLER 1: In the Upper Room, Peter said...

STORYTELLER 3: “Jesus, I don’t care if everybody else runs away. I’m your friend for life. In fact, I’ll even die with you, if that’s what it takes!”

STORYTELLER 2: Later that night, in a turnaround that would make a Chicago politician blush with pride, Peter denied Jesus three times then made some poor rooster live in infamy for crowing too much.

STORYTELLER 1: After that, he promptly joined the other disciples in playing hide-and-seek from whoever was out to get them.

STORYTELLER 3: Peter was not a “teacher’s pet” kind of apostle.

STORYTELLER 2: But wouldn’t you think he might change his tune after the resurrection? After all, Peter saw Jesus alive and kickin’ twice, not to mention witnessing the empty tomb!

STORYTELLER 3: Well, not quite. A few days later, what do we find Peter doing?

STORYTELLER 1: Fishing.

STORYTELLER 2: Not for men. For fish.

STORYTELLER 3: I can’t say for certain, but I suspect that Peter was still beating himself up for denying his savior.

STORYTELLER 1: He didn’t think God could possibly restore him to his old occupation of fishing for men. So he figured...

STORYTELLER 3: “Well, back to the daily grind. Better patch up the ole’ nets and head for the lake!”

STORYTELLER 2: But that’s not the way Jesus works.

STORYTELLER 3: Peter forgot the lesson about foot-washing that Jesus had just taught him a few days before in the Upper Room.