**Peter’s Denial**

**John 18:15-18, 25-27 / February 11, 2024**

**Matt Reagan**

*But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.* **Hebrews 10:39**

**Faith** – confidently stepping in

**Denial** – cautiously shrinking back

**Why do we Shrink back?**

* Matthew 26:31-35
* John 18:15-18, 25-27

**Root of Shrinking back**

* Fear
* Shame
* Unmet Expectations
* Unanswered Questions
* Lack of Tangible Presence
* Disappointment
* Lack of Situational Awareness

**Cost of Shrinking back**

* Matthew 10:33
* Luke 9:26
* Luke 12:9

**Cure against Shrinking back**

* Recognize that ordinary is no longer an option (John 21:3)
* Get to the feet of Jesus (John 21:7)
* Give a grace filled yes (John 21:15-17)