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5. How did Peter go from "star pupil" (v.29) to being in the doghouse (v.33)? Why does Jesus react so strongly to Peter?
6. According to verses 34-38, what is involved in being a follower of Christ?

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