

How the Mighty Have Fallen: Peter

When you fail remember...

God loves you more than you can imagine,
even when you fail...

Forgiving yourself may be the most difficult thing...

The best days of your life may be after the failure...not
before...if you allow God to shape the rest of your story...

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"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." But he replied, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.'"

Luke 22:31-34 (NIV)

**Please feel free to come down to the front
for prayer after service.**

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

Making the Most of Failure

1. Failure is an event that should cause remorse, but does not have to be a destiny.

- Peter failed at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13-28)
- Peter failed at the Last Supper (John 13:6-11)
- Peter failed at Christ's arrest (John 18:10-11)
- Peter failed in the courtyard (Luke 22:47-62)
- Peter was restored by Jesus (Mark 16:7, John 21)
- Peter was later re-commissioned by Christ and brought thousands to Him (Acts 2:14-41)

2. Failure is remedied by repentance.

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)

Three Key Words

Condemnation, Conviction, Consequence

Worldly sorrow = Sorrow over consequences

Godly sorrow = Sorrow that comes from the heart

Repentance = Turning from and turning to

3. Failure is Christ's platform to display the glory of restoration.

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.' Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.' The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'"

John 21:15-17 (NIV)

4. Failure is God's opportunity to redeem the bad for good.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

"...when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:32 (NIV)