

GOD'S MERCY & MY FAILURES

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY · PART 2

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WHAT CAUSES OUR PERSONAL FAILURES?

3 Things Peter Did Wrong

1. WE OVERESTIMATE _____

Jesus said "Tonight, every one of you will desert me... Then Peter boasted, "But Lord, even if everyone else fails you, I will NEVER deny you!" **Matthew 26:31-35**

So be careful. If you are thinking, "Oh, I would never behave like that"—let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall into sin. **1 Corinthians 10:12 NLT**

2. WE FEAR THE _____

Peter followed Jesus at a distance... a servant girl came up to him and said, "You were with Jesus of Galilee, weren't you?" But standing there in front of everyone, Peter denied it. "I don't even know what you're talking about!" he said. **Matthew 26:58, 69-70**

It is a dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you'll be safe. **Proverbs 29:25**

3. WE SPEAK _____

Then... another woman... said... "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again Peter denied it, and this time he swore an oath... after a while, the men... said, "We know that you are one of them because your Galilean accent gives you away." Peter lost his temper and started cursing and swearing. He shouted "I don't know the man!" Immediately he heard a rooster crow. **Matthew 26:71-74**

The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do! **James 3:5**

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I FAIL?

3 Things Peter Did Right

1. _____ THE FAILURE

When Peter heard the rooster crow, he remembered that Jesus had said, "Before the rooster crows, you'll deny me three times." Then Peter went outside and wept bitterly. **Matthew 26:75**

The sacrifice God wants is a broken and contrite spirit, God will not reject a humble and repentant heart. **Psalms 51:17**

2. INVITE _____

[Easter morning] Mary Magdalene went and found the disciples together, grieving and weeping. **Mark 16:10**

... That evening the disciples were together... **John 20:19-20**

Eight days later, his disciples were together again... **John 20:26**

3. CAST MYSELF _____

Because of his great mercy, God has given us a new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope...

1 Peter 1:3

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7**

WHAT DOES JESUS DO WITH OUR FAILURES?

1. HE ISN'T _____

God certainly knows... that we are dust. **Psalms 103:14 (GW)**

2. HE _____

Jesus is able to save us completely because he lives to intercede on our behalf. He is always talking to the Father, asking him to help us. **Hebrews 7:25**

3. HE _____

... when you have repented and turned back to me again... **Luke 22:32**

4. HE SHOWS US _____

[Two weeks later] When they got to shore they saw that Jesus was cooking fish and bread over a charcoal fire... **John 21:1-14**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. **Lamentations 3:22-23**

5. HE USES _____

When you have turned back to me, strengthen and build up your brothers. **Luke 22:32**

After breakfast, Jesus said, [3x] "Simon... do you love me...?" Peter replied... "Yes, Lord..." **John 21:15-17**