

FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL WITH GOD

The Restoration of Peter

John 21

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1. Failure is _____ v1-2

John 13:33,37-38 Where I am going, you cannot come...³⁷ Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You." ³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

Matthew 26:31,33-35 You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.' ³³ But Peter said to Him, even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away. ³⁴ Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. ³⁵ "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

Matthew 26:69-74 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." ⁷⁰ **But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."** ⁷¹ When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² **And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."** ⁷³ A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away." ⁷⁴ **Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man!"**

2. Failure _____ v3-14

John 15:4-5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

3. Failure ends with _____ v15-17

¹⁵ Simon, Son of John, do you **love** (agape) Me?

Yes Lord; You know that I **love** (phileo) you.

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Lord.....You know that I **love** (phileo) You.

There is no life where there is no love. —JC Ryle

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

4. Failure is _____ v18-23

You ask me what forgiveness means; it is the wonder of being trusted again by God in the place where I disgraced him.
—Rita Snowden

Psalms 103:10-12 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. ¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Take home:

A. Answer the main _____

John 21:15 Do you love Me?

Let me say to you, beloved—however eminent you may be in the church of God, and however distinguished for services or for suffering—do not evade this question! Bare your heart to the inspection of your Lord and answer Him with humble boldness. —Spurgeon

B. Seek to turn _____ from sin

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

C. Express _____ to the One who forgives