

# GOD'S MERCY & MY FAILURES

The Miracle of Mercy – Part 4

## WHAT CAUSES OUR PERSONAL FAILURES?

### 3 Things Peter Did Wrong

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“Then Peter boasted, ‘But Lord, even if everyone else fails you, I will NEVER deny you!’” Matthew 26:33
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“As he was sitting in the courtyard, 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 26:69-70
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“Peter lost his temper and started cursing and swearing. He shouted ‘I don’t know the man!’ Immediately he heard a rooster crow.” Matthew 26:74

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I FAIL?

### 3 Things Peter Did Right

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“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
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Easter morning) “Mary Magdalene went and found the disciples together, grieving and weeping.” Mark 16:10  
(Easter night) “That evening the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group, and said ‘Peace be with you!’ . . . The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!” John 20:19-20  
“A week later the disciples were together again meeting in a home.” John 20:26
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“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?

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned back to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers.” Luke 22:31-32

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“God certainly knows what we are made of. He bears in mind that we are dust.” Psalm 103:14
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“Jesus is able to save us completely because (in heaven) he lives to intercede on our behalf. He is always talking to the Father, asking him to help us.” Hebrews 7:25
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“. . . so WHEN you have repented and turned back to me again . . .” Luke 22:32  
The Angel said, “...Now go tell his disciples, AND tell Peter, that he’s going ahead of you to Galilee and he’ll see you there, just as he promised!” Mark 16:6-7
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“When they got to shore they saw that Jesus was cooking fish and bread over a charcoal fire. Jesus said, ‘Bring some of the fish you just caught.’” John 21:9-10
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“When you have turned back to me, strengthen and build up your brothers.” Luke 22:32  
“After breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you,’ Peter replied. ‘Then FEED my lambs,’ Jesus said. Then Jesus repeated the question: ‘Peter, do you love me?’ Peter said, ‘Yes, Lord! You KNOW I love you!’ ‘Then TAKE CARE of my sheep,’ Jesus said. Then Jesus asked the same question one more time: ‘Peter, do you love me?’ Now Peter was grieved that Jesus asked the question a third time, so he said, ‘Lord, you know everything! You know I love you!’ And Jesus replied ‘Then feed my sheep!’” John 21:15-17  
Jesus: “Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it!” Matthew 16:18

Next Sunday:  
**MERCY FORGIVES!**  
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