

# ICYMI: You Can Come Back From Failure!

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**Matthew 7:13**, *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

**Romans 6:23**, *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Proverbs 24:16**, *...though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again.*

## Three Primary Reasons For Personal Failure:

### 1. I Overrate My Own ABILITY

**Matthew 26:31**, *Then Jesus told them, “**This very night you will all fall away** on account of Me... 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” 33 Peter replied, “**Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will.**” 34 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times.” 35 But Peter declared, “**Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You.**” And all the other disciples said the same.*

**1 Corinthians 10:12**, *So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!*

### 2. I Worry About Being Accepted BY OTHERS

**Matthew 26:58**, *But Peter **followed Him at a distance**, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome... 69 Now Peter was **sitting out in the courtyard**, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus*

of Galilee," she said. 70 But he denied it before them all. **"I don't know what you're talking about,"** he said.

**Proverbs 29:25**, Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

### 3. I Talk Without THINKING

**Matthew 26:71**, Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." 72 **He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the Man!"** 73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." 74 **Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the Man!"** Immediately a rooster crowed.

**James 3:5**, Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. 6The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

### How Should I Respond When I Fail?

#### - Weep Over It and CONFESS IT

**Matthew 26:75**, Then Peter remembered the Word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." And he went outside and **wept bitterly**.

**Psalm 51:17**, My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart You, God, will not despise.

#### - Let Others ENCOURAGE YOU

**John 19:19**, On the evening of that first day of the week, **when the disciples were together**, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and **stood among them** and said, "**Peace be with you!**"

**John 20:26**, A week later His **disciples were in the house again**, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus

came and stood among them and said, "**Peace be with you!**"

## **How Does Jesus Respond To My Failures?**

**Luke 22:31**, *"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. 32 But **I have prayed for you**, Simon, that your **faith may not fail**. And when you have **turned back**, **strengthen** your brothers."*

- **Jesus Isn't Surprised Or SHAKEN Because Of Your Failures**
- **Jesus Still Prays For And BELIEVES IN YOU**
- **Jesus Shows Us His GRACE**
- **Jesus Uses Our Failures To Build OTHERS UP**

### **Take Action:**

- Serve others at Cottonwood Creek by texting **SERVE** to 77978
- Text **2020** to 77978 to receive our weekly memory verse
- Men: Join the Pastor every Tuesday morning at 6:00a in the Atrium for the new series: "**Rebrand The Man!**"