

GOD'S GRACE
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WHAT CAUSES US TO MESS UP?
3 Things Peter Did Wrong

1. WE OVERESTIMATE OUR STRENGTH

Then Peter boasted, 'But Lord, even if everyone else fails you, I will never deny you!' Jesus replied, 'Peter, the truth is that before this night is over, and before the rooster crows at dawn, you will deny knowing me three times.' Peter insisted, 'But Lord, I would never do that! Even if I have to die with you I'll never deny knowing you!' And all the other disciples vowed the same thing." Matthew 26:33-35

"If you think, 'I am strong! I can handle this. I'd never fall for that temptation,' then be careful! For you could easily fall too!" 1 Corinthians 10:12

2. WE FEAR THE DISAPPROVAL OF OTHERS

"Peter followed Jesus at a distance" Matthew 26:58

3. WE SPEAK WITHOUT THINKING

Matthew 26:71-74 James 3:5-6

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN WE FAIL?
3 Things Peter Did Right

1. GRIEVE

"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 Psalm 51:17

2. SEEK GODLY SUPPORT

"Mary Magdalene went and found the disciples together, grieving and weeping Mark 16:10 John 20:19-20 John 20:26

3. CAST MYSELF ON GOD'S MERCY

*"Because of his great mercy God has given us a new life". 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

1. HE ISN'T SHOCKED

“God certainly knows what we are made of. He bears in mind that we are dust.”

Psalm 103:14

2. HE PRAYS FOR US

“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 BELIEVES IN US!

“The Angel said, ‘I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. But he is not here—he’s risen from the dead . . . 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 Luke 22:32

4. HE SHOWS US GRACE WHEN WE FAIL

John 21:1-14

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; 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 OUR FAILURES TO BUILD HIS CHURCH!

“Peter when you have turned back to me, strengthen and build up your brothers.”
Luke 22:32 John 21:15-17 Matthew 16:18