



# God's Mercy And My Failures

*The Blessings of Mercy Series – Part 2*

Matthew 26:31-35; 1Corinthians 10:12; John 21

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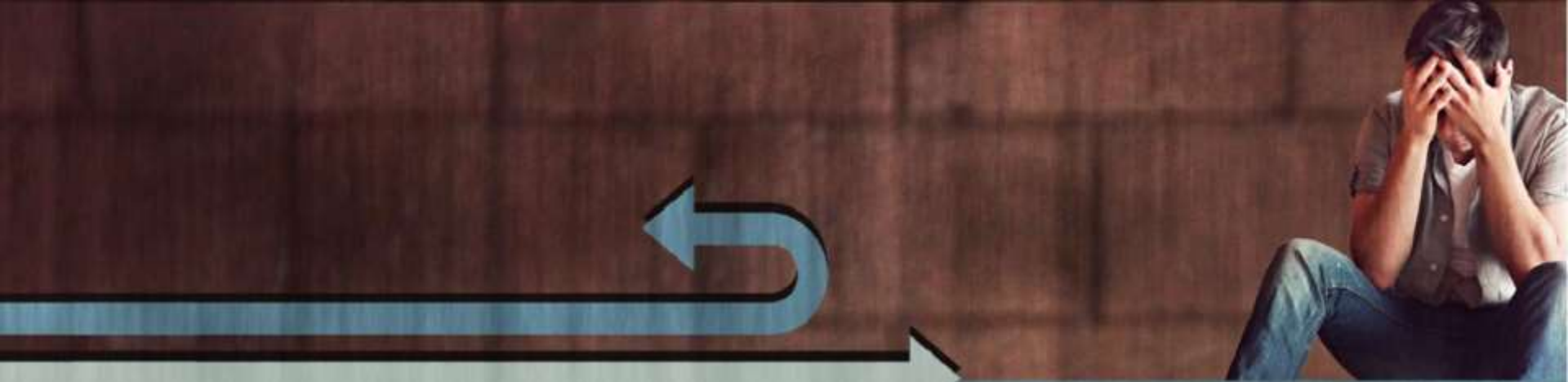
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**Job 17:11**



**11 My days have passed; my  
plans have failed; my hope  
is gone.-- (GNB)**



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# ***What Causes Our Personal Failures?***

## **1. We Overestimate Our Strength.**

Matthew 26:31–35<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ <sup>32</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” <sup>33</sup> Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” <sup>34</sup> “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” <sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same. (NIV)

## 1 Corinthians 10:12



**12 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.-- (TLB)**

## **2. We Fear The Disapproval of Others.**



Matthew 26:58<sup>58</sup> 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. <sup>69</sup> Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. <sup>70</sup> But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

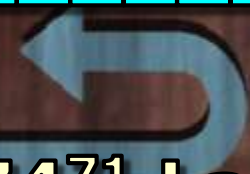



## Proverbs 29:25



**25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety. (NLT)**

### **3. We Speak Without Thinking.**



Matthew 26:71–74<sup>71</sup> Later, out by the gate, another girl noticed him and said to those standing around, “This man was with Jesus—from Nazareth.”<sup>72</sup> Again Peter denied it, this time with an oath. “I don’t even know the man,” he said.<sup>73</sup> But after a while the men who had been standing there came over to him and said, “We know you are one of his disciples, for we can tell by your Galilean accent.”<sup>74</sup> Peter began to curse and swear. “I don’t even know the man,” he said. And immediately the cock crowed.-- (TLB)



## James 3:5–6



<sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. A great forest can be set on fire by one tiny spark. <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness, and poisons every part of the body. And the tongue is set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.-- (NLT)

## **Psalm 51:17**



**17 My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart. (GNB)**

# ***What Should I Do When I Fail?***

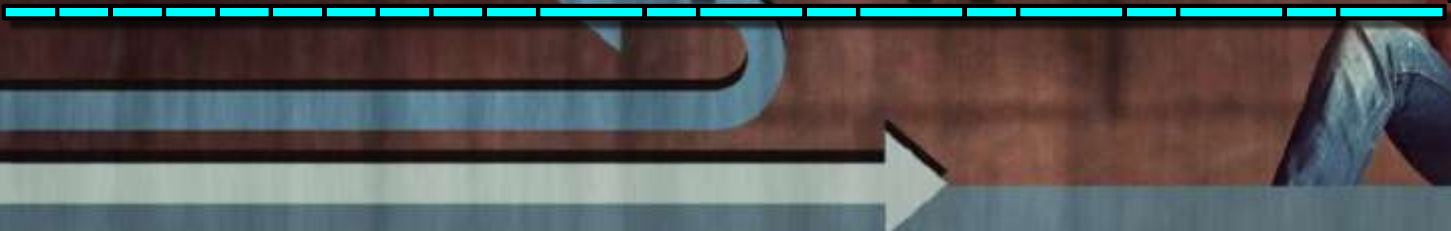



## **1. I Should Grieve.**

**Matthew 26:75<sup>75</sup> 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.-- (NIV)**



## **2. I Should Let My Small Group Support Me**



**Mark 16:10<sup>10</sup> She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened.-- (NLT)**

## John 20:19–20



**<sup>19</sup> That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>20</sup> As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!**

### **3. I Should Cast Myself On God's Mercy**

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**1 Peter 1:3<sup>3</sup> Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope,-- (GNB)**





## 1 Peter 5:7



**7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.-- (NIV)**

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



**Luke 22:31–32<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”-- (NIV)**

**1. Jesus Is Not**

**Shocked**



**Psalm 103:14<sup>14</sup> He certainly  
knows what we are made of.  
He bears in mind that we are  
dust.-- (GW)**



**2. Jesus**

**Prays For You**



**Luke 22:32<sup>32</sup> But I have  
prayed for you, Simon, . . .**

## Hebrews 7:25



**<sup>25</sup> And so he is able, now and always, to save those who come to God through him, because he lives for ever to plead with God for them. (GNB)**

### 3. Jesus **Believes In You**.



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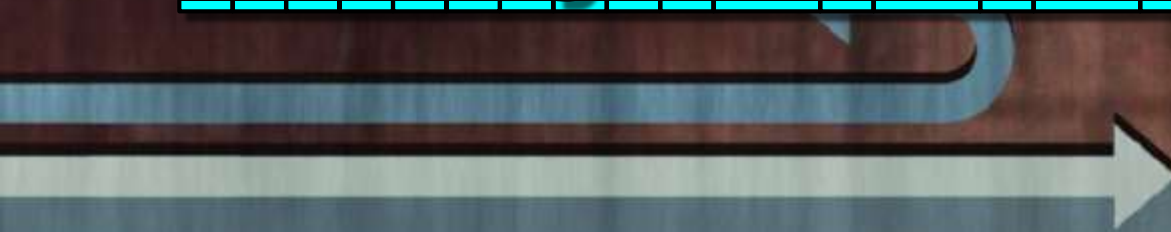



## Proverbs 24:16



**16 for though the righteous  
fall seven times, they rise  
again, . . .**



## **4. Jesus Shows Mercy When You Are Down**



**John 21:3<sup>3</sup> "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.**

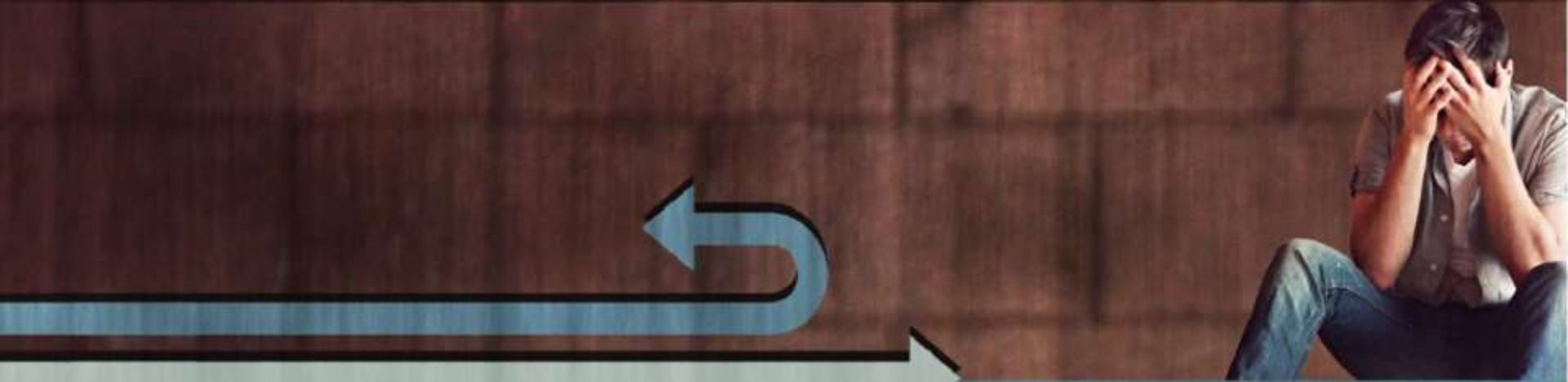
**John 21:13<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.-- (NLT)**

## **5. Jesus Uses Our Failures To Build His Church**



**John 21:17<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.**





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