



GOD'S MERCY & MY FAILURES

Matthew 26, Luke 22

PERSONAL FAILURES COME BECAUSE:

1. I _____ my _____.

"This very night you will all fall away on account of Me...Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." (Matthew 26:31-35, NIV)

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

2. I _____ the _____ of _____.

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

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

3. I _____ without _____.

...he [Peter] began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. (Matthew 26:71-74, NIV)

WHEN I'VE FAILED:

1. I _____.

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. (Matthew 26:75, NIV)

2. I _____ myself on _____.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3, NIV)



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Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7, NIV)

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

WHAT JESUS DOES WITH OUR FAILURES:

1. He _____.

2. He _____ for us.

Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding [praying] for us. (Romans 8:34b, NIV)

3. He _____ in us.

For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again... (Proverbs 24:16a, NIV)

4. He _____ us His _____ when
we're _____.

5. He _____ our failures to _____ His

_____.

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18, NIV)

WHAT FAILURE HAVE YOU HAD THAT GOD WANTS TO USE IN THIS CHURCH?

ARE YOU GOING TO RESPOND TO YOUR FAILURE LIKE JUDAS OR LIKE PETER?