

Magnificent Mercy

God's Mercy Over Our Failures – Part 1

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Mercy – Undeserved Forgiveness & Unearned Kindness

I. Causes of personal failures

Three things Peter did wrong

1. When we _____.

Matthew 26:31-35 (NLT) – “Jesus told them, “Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.” “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.”

1 Corinthians 10:12 (MSG) – “Don’t be naive and self-confident. You’re not exempt from messing up. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else.”

2. When we _____.

Matthew 26:58, 69-70 (NLT) – “Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance and came to the high priest’s courtyard. He went in and sat with the guards and waited to see how it would all end. As Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, “You were one of those with Jesus the Galilean.” But Peter denied it in front of everyone. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.”

Proverbs 29:25 (GNT) – “It is dangerous to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the LORD, you are safe.”

3. When we _____.

Matthew 26:71-74 (CEV) – “When Peter had gone out to the gate, another servant girl saw him and said to some people there, “This man was with Jesus from Nazareth.” Again Peter denied it, and this time he swore, “I don’t even know that man!” A little while later some people standing there walked over to Peter and said, “We know that you are one of them. We can tell it because you talk like someone from Galilee.” Peter began to curse and swear, “I don’t know that man!” Right then a rooster crowed.”

James 3:5-6 (TLB) – “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. 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.”

II. What to do when we fail

Three things Peter did right

1. Allow yourself _____.

To get _____
you’ve got to _____

Matthew 26:75 (GNT) – “Peter remembered what Jesus had told him: “Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me.” He went out and wept bitterly.” (MSG) “He went out and cried and cried and cried.”

Psalms 51:15-17 (GNT) – “Help me, Lord, and I will praise you. You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with burnt offerings. My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.”

2. Surround yourself _____.

Mark 26:10 (NIRV) – “She went and told those who had been with him. She found them together crying. They were very sad.”

John 20:19-20 (GNT) – “It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord.”

Matthew 18:20 (TLB) – “Where two or three gather together because they are mine, I will be right there among them.”

John 20:26 (GW) – “A week later Jesus’ disciples were again in the house...”

3. Cast yourself _____.

1 Peter 1:3 (GNT) – “Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope.”

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV) – “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

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