

Failing Forward

Luke 22:54-62

You're **NOT** a Failure because you FALL...you Fail ONLY IF you don't Get Back Up...

One such Failure is the story of Peter's Fall...

What's so Encouraging about Peter's story is that he Learns to "Fail Forward."

We Too Can "Fail Forward" **WHEN WE**...

1. **RECOGNIZE THAT EVERYONE FAILS.** (v.60b)

- Peter boastfully said *He would NEVER FAIL Jesus!* (Matthew 26:33-35)
- Peter *Failed to tell the TRUTH*, He *Failed to keep his PROMISE*, & He *Failed in his LOYALTY to Jesus*.
- *Have WE ever done anything Similar?*
- We START out well, then we Get Distracted & Allow the Wrong People to Influence us, then we Make a Bad Decision & Experience Failure.

2. **REMEMBER GOD'S LOVE DOESN'T DEPEND ON SUCCESS.** (v.61)

- No matter WHAT *the Savior* who DIED for you still LOVES you.
- *What kind of LOOK did JESUS Give to Peter?* (Look of Love?)
- The "LOOK" would've meant Nothing if Peter wasn't Looking at Jesus.
- This was the Turning Point in *Peter's life* because he Remembered. (Luke 22:32)

3. **REPEATEDLY LEARN & GROW FROM OUR FAILURES.** (v.62)

- *Don't Waste a Single Failure...Learn all you can from them.*
- *Every Bitter Experience can TEACH us something.*
- *"... Peter Went Out and Wept Bitterly."* (with "Great Remorse.")
- Remorse Alone is NOT Enough. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

4. **RELEASE OUR FAILURES OF THE PAST & MOVE ON.** (John. 21:15-18)

- *When (not If) you Fail, Satan will Be There to tell you you're Worthless, Finished & your Future is Destroyed.*
- *That's NOT GOD'S MESSAGE.*
- *Remember...we don't have to STAY Down.* (Proverbs 24:16)
- The BEST PART of Peter's Sad Story is Jesus Restored Peter & Used him mightily. (John 21:15-19)
- Are you Living a Victorious life OR are you Living in your Failures?
- **GOOD NEWS: Despite Your Failures, GOD WANTS YOU!**