

OUR FAILURE FROM - THEIR VIEW

Luke 22:31-34

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

33 But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

34 Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

Luke 22:54-62

54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. **55** And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. **56** A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.”

57 But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said.

58 A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.”

“Man, I am not!” Peter replied.

59 About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

60 Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. **61** The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” **62** And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Four Common Ungodly Reactions To Our Failure

1. Criticism

What it is: Attacking your partner's character or personality, rather than addressing a specific behavior or issue.

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Notice Jesus Addressed His Sin Not His Lack Of Character Or Resolve

2. Contempt

What it is: Treating your partner with disrespect, mockery, or a sense of superiority. This includes eye-rolling, sneering, name-calling, and hostile humor.

Notice Jesus Prayed For Peter Instead Of Putting Him Down

3. Self-exalting

What it is: I put you down in order to elevate myself.

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Mathew 7:3

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

4. Stonewalling

What it is: Completely withdrawing from the interaction, shutting down, and ceasing to respond to the other person.

Luke 22: 61-22

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When People Fail, My Response Should Demonstrate Godly Character

1. My love for people takes defines my reaction.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

It does not mean I ignore the sin, I focus of the restoration.

My Responsibility Is To Facilitate A Restored Relationship To God

Philippians 4:2

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

While neither accepting sin or celebrating sin; I choose to view people in light of what they should be and can be.

Luke 22:32

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I Must Remind Myself That I Am Not The Final Arbiter Of Failure

Mathew 7:1-6

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? **4** How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? **5** You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces