

Failure Isn't Final!

John 21

❖ THE REALITY OF PETER'S FAILURE.

- Failure as a follower. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

Luke 22:59-62 (NLT) - ⁵⁹ About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” ⁶² And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

- Failure as a leader. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

John 21:1-3 (NLT) - Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples. ³ Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.” “We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

❖ THE RESPONSE OF JESUS TO FAILURE.

- He **seeks** us. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

John 21:4 (NLT) - At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn't see who He was.

John 21:15 (NLT) - After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

- He **serves** us. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

John 21:6 (NLT) - Then He said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:12 (NLT) - "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask Him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

- He **sends** us. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

John 21:17-19 (NLT) - ¹⁷ A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep. ¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

❖ THE RESTORATION AFTER FAILURE.

- **Recognize** our limitations. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NLT) - If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.

- **Receive** forgiveness. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT) - ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

- **Reiterate** our faith. *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

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- **Refocus on our mission.** *(Pro Presenter Slide Bulletin Outline)*

John 21:20-23 (NLT) - ²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?” ²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.” ²³ So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

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