

## Failure Is Not Final

### Scoring goal for other team...

**Proverbs 24:16** - The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

**Philippians 3:12-14** - I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. 13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Peter is a great example that Failure is not final. Look at the events surrounding the arrest and trial of Jesus.

1. What causes failure? We fear the opinion of others. Peter was more concerned about what strangers said of him than be true to Jesus.

**Proverbs 29:25** - Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.

2. What causes failure? We speak before we think. Peter was quick to brag when Jesus spoke of the disciples deserting him - Peter said they may but I won't. When Jesus said you will deny me - Peter said even if I have to die I won't deny you.

**James 3:5** - In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

3. What causes failure? We overestimate our strength. Peter overestimated his strength - went where he should not have gone.

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

That wasn't the end of Peter's ministry - only the beginning...

### **Don't Limit God To The Facts**

- What has been said to you or by you.
- Actions against you or by you.
- Circumstances you have been caught up in.
- What your parents were or were not.

**Mark 10:27** - But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."

1. You are not a failure - according to His word

**Isaiah 41:9** - You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away:

2. You are qualified - according to His word.

**Colossians 1:12** - and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

3. You have a great future - according to His word

**Jeremiah 29:11** - For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.