**UNDERSTANDING MERCY**

**“Facing my failures”**

**Message Outline**

**WHAT CAUSES OUR PERSONAL FAILURES?**

**3 Things Peter Did Wrong**

**1.** **We overestimate** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:31-35 (NLT)

*“So, people who think they are standing firmly should be careful that they don’t fall.”* 1 Corinthians 10:12 (GW)

**2. We fear the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:58, 69-70 (NLT)

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

**3. We speak** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 26:71-74 (NLT)

**WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I FAIL?**

 **3 Things Peter Did Right**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“Suddenly, Jesus words flashed through Peter’s mind: ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.’ And he went away weEPING bitterly.”* Matthew 26:75 (NLT)

*“My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.”* Psalm 51:17 (GNB)

**2. Let my** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **support me**

*(Easter morning) “Mary Magdalene… went and found the disciples, who were grieving and weeping.”* Mark 16:10 (NLT)

*(Easter night) “That evening…when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said ‘Peace be with you!’… The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord!”*

John 20:19-20 (NIV)

*“A week later the disciples were together again indoors.”* John 20:26 (GNB)

**3. Cast myself on** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**WHAT DOES JESUS DO WITH OUR FAILURES?**

*“Simon, Simon,* *Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.* *But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”* Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)

**1. He isn’t** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“God certainly knows what we are made of. He bears in mind that we are dust.”* Psalm 103:14 (GW)

**2. He** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **for us**

*“Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”*

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

**3. He** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **in us**

*“… So WHEN you have repented and turned back to me again…”* Lk 22:32 (LB)

*“For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again!”* Prov. 24:16 (NIV)

*The Angel said, “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here… But go, tell his disciples, AND Peter, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”* Mark 16:6-7 (NIV)

**4. He shows us mercy** **when** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

John 21:1-14 (NLT)

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* Lam. 3:22-23 (ESV)

*“If we are unfaithful he* [God] *remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself!”*

2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT)

**5. He uses our failures to** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*“When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”* Luke 22:32 (NIV)

John 21:15-17 (NLT)

Jesus: *“Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it!”* Matthew 16:18 (NLT)