

**“Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”**



**And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.”**

**(Luke 22:54–62 ESV)**



**Tests of faith are expected for followers of Jesus, for they reveal to us the sincerity of our faith.**

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**Self-preservation is a strong temptation.**

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**Surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of man he is.**

**- CS Lewis**

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**And he [Jesus] said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”**

**(Luke 9:23–27 ESV)**





**In the midst of our greatest failures, there is even greater grace.**

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**That old hand that automatically reached for the sword to kill, the legs that spontaneously took flight, the detestable tongue that forgot its inspired confession of the Messiah and, as with a life of its own, denied all relationship with Jesus, cursing God to “prove it!” - now all were of an entirely different character.**

**- Dallas Willard**



**“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”  
(Matthew 16:18 ESV)**



**Failing does not make you a failure.**

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there is complete and total redemption for our greatest  
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**With God, your failures don't determine your destiny!**

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**Public attack, beatings, imprisonment, and threat of death did not move Peter from his course... And when he finally met his cross in Rome, tradition tells us, he requested to be nailed to it upside down, because he did not regard himself worthy of taking the same posture in death as his old friend and Lord, Jesus Christ. It is in Peter and his kind that we begin to get a glimpse of what is really possible for human life.**

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