

**TURNING SETBACKS INTO COMEBACKS**  
**The World's Greatest Comeback Stories**

**COMING BACK FROM PERSONAL FAILURE**

Matthew 26 / John 21 / Acts 2

**Four Ways Failure Impacts Our Lives:**

**PRESSURES ♦ PROCRASTINATES ♦ PARALYZES ♦ PERFECTS**

**< HOW TO COME BACK FROM PERSONAL FAILURE >**

**1. Remember that \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 26:31-34 *Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." ...Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."*

**♦ Everyone FAILS...but some go on to SUCCEED!**

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (TEV) *There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake.*

**2. Realize that \_\_\_\_\_ isn't \_\_\_\_\_.**

Matthew 26:73-75 *After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away." Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

**♦ We're not a FAILURE until we GIVE UP!**

Proverbs 24:16 *Though a man falls seven times...he rises again.*

**3. Embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

John 21:3-7 (TLB) *Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." "We'll come too," we all said. We did, but caught nothing all night. At dawn we saw a man standing on the beach but couldn't see who he was. He called, "Any fish, boys?" "No," we replied. Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get plenty of them!" So we did, and couldn't draw in the net because of the weight of the fish, there were so many (153)! Then John said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" At that, Simon Peter put on his tunic and jumped into the water and swam ashore.*

**♦ God is ready to forgive us...**

**INSTANTLY ♦ COMPLETELY ♦ FREELY!**

Psalm 103:13-14 *As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. For He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.*

**4. Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Acts 2:14,36-38,41 (TLB) *Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen, all of you, visitors and residents of Jerusalem alike!..."I clearly state to everyone in Israel that God has made this Jesus you crucified to be the Lord, the Messiah!" These words of Peter moved them deeply, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" And Peter replied, "Each one of you must turn from sin, return to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; then you also shall receive this gift, the Holy Spirit...Those who believed were baptized—about three thousand in all!*

**♦ God allows failure to...**

**EDUCATE ♦ CULTIVATE ♦ MOTIVATE!**

Galatians 6:9 *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

**What failure in my life haunts me? Have I given it to God?**

**VIDEO: Matthew West – Broken Things (Lyric Video) – Matthew West**

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