"Hope for the Fallen"  
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1 John 1:7-9  
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Introduction:
A. Betrayal - Illustration of George Washington and ________ ________.
B. Like Washington, Jesus felt the sting and sorrow of ________ and _________ betrayals, but unlike Washington, Jesus knew they would happen and had _________ their occurrence.
C. Let’s focus on how this happened in Peter’s life and how he was able to come back _________ after his ________.  

I. The Story
A. First bombshell: Jesus predicted that one of the disciples would ________ him.
B. Second bombshell: Jesus predicted that all the disciples would ________ him (Matthew 26:30-35).
C. Peter boasted that the other disciples might desert him, but he ________ would.
D. Jesus made it clear that all the disciples would abandon him, but that Peter would ________ him (Luke 22:31-34).
E. After those bombshells, Jesus took them to the Garden of Gethsemane and while they ________, he ________.
F. When the mob came with Judas to arrest Jesus, ________ took a sword and cut off the ear of a servant of the High Priest, but Jesus healed the man (Luke 22:47-51).
G. The soldiers arrested Jesus and all the disciples ________.
H. ________ and ________ followed the mob to the home of the High Priest, and it was there that Peter ________ knowing Jesus (Luke 22:54-62).
I. After Peter realized what he had done, he went out and ________ ________.

II. The Application
A. One important thing we learn from what Peter did and then what happened to him is that there is always ________, even when we have ________ it, because God loves us and forgives us.
B. We could boil the lessons learned from Peter down to these: Peter ________ too much (not appreciating his own weaknesses), he ________ too little, he ________ too quickly, followed too ________ from Jesus, and ________ too little and late about what he was doing.
C. One of the ironies of this story is that Peter denied Christ to a ________ girl, and another ________ of the High Priest.
D. One of the most encouraging things we learn from Peter is that no matter how many times he _____, Peter always got back up – Peter never ________.
E. Peter allowed God to do a work of ______________ in his life, such that his guilt was turned into grace, his shame turned into sympathy, and his failure was turned into faithfulness.