

What to Know Before, During, and After Failure

Luke 22:31-34

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1) A Plan to Devastate (before) – v. 31

A) Pay Attention – Jesus **commands** Simon to look out...pay attention! The enemy is coming for you! Satan is plotting to frustrate and foil your entire life and testimony. Don't sleep!

B) Avoid Pride – Peter was full of pride. He thought he was strong in and of himself. **Mark 14:27-29; Prov. 16:18; Ps 19:13** Have you ever said, "I would never do that!" Peter said the same thing, and look what happened to him.

2) A Prayer for Faithfulness (during) – v. 32a

Failure is not an option...it's a reality! But get back up, be encouraged. **Don't let your faith DIE OUT because you messed up!**

You are not Alone – Jesus has prayed and his praying for you. What better encouragement! He also endured temptation by the enemy, but remained faithful. **So can you!** Jesus is rooting for you! So are your family and church family.

Romans 8:34, Jn 17:15-19; Heb 7:25

3) A Purpose after Failure (after) – v. 32b

A) Turn back (repent) – Just like you turned away from God...Turn back towards him.

B) Teach others how to overcome – This is a command from Jesus. It wasn't enough for Peter to deny Christ and come back. This Apostle is now commanded to encourage/teach other believers! We should too. **1 Peter 5:8; Ps 51:11-13**