I. **WHY PEOPLE FALL AWAY FROM THE LORD.**

A. First, **over-confidence** can cause people to fall away—1 Cor. 10:12

B. Second, **complacency** can cause people to fall away.

C. Third, **fear** of other's opinions can cause people to fall away—Prov. 29:25.

D. Fourth, **convenience** can cause people to fall away.

II. **WHY IS GOD WILLING TO RESTORE US?**

A. First, because His love is **unconditional**—Lam. 3:22.

B. Second, because our salvation isn't based on our **performance**—Titus 3:5.

C. Third, because Jesus understands our **weaknesses**—Hebrews 4:15.

D. Fourth, because God doesn't hold any **grudges**—Ps. 103:9-10

III. **WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN WE FALL?**

A. In a word, "**return**"—Jeremiah 15:19.

B. **Peter** returned and so can we—Luke 22:31-32.