



**Peter: Overcoming Personal Failure**  
**March 6-7, 2021**

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**1 Corinthians 10:12 (TPT)**

So beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall.

**2 Self-protection – overvaluing my safety and comfort.**

**Matthew 26:58, 69-70 (TPT)**

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**3 Impulsiveness – Speaking and acting without thinking.**

**Matthew 26:71-74 (TPT)**

Later, as he stood near the gateway of the courtyard, another servant girl noticed him and said, “I know this man is a follower of Jesus the Nazarene!” Once again, Peter denied it, and with an oath he said, “I tell you, I don’t know the man!” A short time later, those standing nearby approached Peter and said, “We know you’re one of his disciples—we can tell by your speech. Your Galilean accent gives you away!” Peter denied it, and using profanity he said, “I don’t know the man!” At that very moment the sound of a crowing rooster pierced the night.

**John 10:10-11 (MSG)**

Just then Simon Peter, who was carrying a sword, pulled it from its sheath and struck the Chief Priest’s servant, cutting off his right ear. Malchus was the servant’s name. Jesus ordered Peter, “Put back your sword. Do you think for a minute I’m not going to drink this cup the Father gave me?”

**James 3:5-6 (TPT)**

And so the tongue is a small part of the body yet it carries great power! Just think of how a small flame can set a huge forest ablaze. And the tongue is a fire! It can be compared to the sum total of wickedness and is the most dangerous part of our human body. It corrupts the entire body and is a hellish flame! It releases a fire that can burn throughout the course of human existence.

**Important Steps to Overcoming Failure:**

**1. Grieve the failure.**

- **Own it - Refuse to downplay it, brush it off, make excuses or blame others for my failures.**
- **Don’t run from it – remember, to get past my failure, I have to go through my failure.**

**Matthew 26:75 (TPT)**

Then Peter remembered the prophecy of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows you will have denied me three times.” With a shattered heart, Peter went out of the courtyard, sobbing with bitter tears.

**Psalms 51:17 (TPT)**

The fountain of your pleasure is found in the sacrifice of my shattered heart before you. You will not despise my tenderness as I humbly bow down at your feet.

**What triggered Peter’s guilt? = the crow of a rooster.**

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**2. Lean into friendships for support.**

**Mark 16:10-11 (TPT)**

After she had seen Jesus, she ran to tell his disciples, who were all emotionally devastated and weeping. Excitedly, Mary told them, “He’s alive and I’ve seen him!”

**3. Embrace God’s gift of mercy.**

**2 Peter 1:3 (TPT)**

Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.

**1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)**

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**John 21:17, 19b (NET)**

Jesus said a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep. ... After he said this, Jesus told Peter, "Follow me."

**4. Get up and try again.**

**Luke 22:31-32 (NLT/TPT)**

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers."

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