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PERSPECTIVE
Part 2: Call It A Comeback

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group’s goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

*We need to get God's perspective on our world, and He wants us to live from His vantage point. Protect and guard your mind in Christ Jesus because failures forward still step toward success in Him.*

*[Ephesians 2:10]*

*For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*
Failure is not final. It does not define you for the rest of your life; it is one step closer to the success God has for your life.


But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” So they arrested him and led him to the high priest’s home. And Peter followed at a distance.

55 The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, “This man was one of Jesus’ followers!” But Peter denied it. “Woman,” he said, “I don’t even know him!” After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!” “No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.

About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.” But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

The look of Jesus says: "I love you," "It doesn't end here," and "I'm not done with you yet."

[Mark 16:6-9, CEB]

6 But he said to them, “Don’t be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn’t here. Look, here’s the place where they laid him. 7 Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will meet him there, just as he told you.”
Three Ways to Recover from Your Worst Failure

1. Keep the Appointment – (Jesus will call for you!)

2. Replace the Soundbite

3. Believe What God has Said About Your Future


But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned, strengthen your brothers.”

[Psalm 37:23-24]

The steps of a righteous man are directed and established by the LORD, And He blesses his path when he falls, he will not be hurled down, because the LORD is the One who holds his hand and sustains him.

[Micah 7:8-9, AMP]

Do not rejoice over me [amid my tragedies], O my enemy! Though I fall, I will rise; Though I sit in the darkness [of distress], the LORD is a light for me…. He will bring me out to the light, and I will behold His [amazing] righteousness and His remarkable deliverance.

[Philippians 1:6]

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is someone in our world or history that seemed like an apparent "failure" at first, but ended up becoming famous?
2. Who is someone in God's Word that was an "disqualified" and, even still, God used him or her?
3. What is your perspective of your future, right now, in light of your past?
4. How does Peter's story change our perspective on recovering or rebounding from failure? What did Peter do, at first? What did Jesus do to redeem? How did Peter respond afterward?
5. When has Jesus commissioned you, or reinstated you, to "follow Him?" What did that "fireside chat" influence in your life? (Consider the first fire of betrayal and the second fire of restoration. Focus more on the redemption than the regret.)
6. What "soundbite of failure" have you or do you need to replace to infuse faith into your spirit? What song, Scripture, or statement speaks to you most in that situation?
7. Pray for each other about what God has said about your future.