



THE **MIRACLE OF MERCY**

“God’s Mercy
and
My Failures”

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Jesus said “*Tonight every one of you will desert me. For the Scripture says that when the shepherd is killed, the sheep will be scattered. But after I've been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.*”

Matthew 26:31-35

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... Then Peter boasted, 'But Lord, even if everyone else fails you, I will never deny You!' Jesus replied, 'Peter, the truth is that before this night is over, and before the rooster crows at dawn, you will deny knowing me three times.'...

Matthew 26:31-35

...Peter insisted, “*But Lord, I would never do that! Even if I have to die with You. I'll never deny knowing You!*” And all the other disciples vowed the same thing.”

Matthew 26:31-35

1. We overestimate our strength.

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If you think, I am strong!
I can handle this. I'd never fall for that
temptation, then be careful! For you
could easily fall too!

I Corinthians 10:12

2. We fear the disapproval of others.

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Peter followed Jesus at a distance to the courtyard of the high priest's palace. He went in and sat down with the guards to see what was going to happen to Jesus...As he was sitting in the courtyard, a servant girl came up to him and said, “*You were with Jesus of Galilee, weren't you?*” But standing there in front of everyone Peter denied it. “*I don't even know what you're talking about!*” He said.

Matthew 26:58, 69-70

It is a dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you'll be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

3. We speak without thinking.

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Then Peter went out to the entrance of the courtyard and there another woman saw him and said to those standing there, “*This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.*” Again Peter denied it, and this time he swore an oath and said, “*I don't even know that man!*”...

Matthew 26:71-74

...But after a while, the men who has been standing there came over to Peter and said, “*We know that you are one of them because your Galilean accent gives you away.*”

Peter lost his temper and started cursing and swearing. He shouted, “*I don’t know the man!*” Immediately he heard a rooster crow.”

Matthew 26:71-74

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The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do! Just as a tiny spark can burn up a great forest, the tongue is a flame of fire. That part of your body is full of wickedness and can poison everything else in your life. It is set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.

James 3:5-6

When Peter heard the rooster crow,
he remembered that Jesus had said,
“*Before the rooster crows, you’ll deny
me three times.*” Then Peter went
outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:75

The sacrifice God wants is a
broken and contrite spirit, God
will not reject a humble and
repentant heart.

Psalm 51:17

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4. Cast myself on God's mercy.

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Because of His great mercy God
has given us a new life by raising
Jesus Christ from death. This fills
us with a living hope...

I Peter 1:3

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Cast all your anxiety on Him
because He cares for you.

I Peter 5:7

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5. Jesus prays for us.

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Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail.

So when you have repented and turned back to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers.

Luke 22:31-32

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My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.
reserved.

1 John 2:1-2

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For even though a righteous
man falls seven times,
he will rise again!

Proverbs 24:16

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The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases; His mercies never
come to an end; they are new
every morning; great is your
faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

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6. He uses our failures to
build His church!

Jesus: “Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it!”

Matthew 16:18

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