

Life: 'Failyres' Included

What's so tough about failure?

- We can dwell on it.
- We can live in fear of a repeat experience.
- We can label ourselves as a failure.

What can we confirm about failure through Peter?

- Failure is unpredictable

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." ...But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. (Mt 26:33,35)

- Failure is unavoidable.

But he denied it before them all...He denied it again, with an oath...then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. (Mt. 26:70-74)

- Failure is uncomfortable.

Then Peter remembered the words Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." (Mt. 26:75)

Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. (Lk 22:60-61)

What do we do now?

Three things we learn from Peter about moving forward after failure...

- Own the fail.

And he went outside and wept bitterly. (Mt. 26:75, Lk 22:62)

Key words: I WAS WRONG

- Accept the invitation of grace.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."
(Jn 21:12)

- Let go to keep moving forward.

Then he said to him (Peter), "Follow me!" (Jn 21:19)

Adjusting our thinking about failure...

- I will no longer dwell on failure. Instead, I will choose to learn from it.
- I will no longer fear failure. Instead, I will trust Jesus to redeem me through it.
- I will no longer label myself 'failure'. Instead, my label will read 'child of God'.