

What Do I Do When I Really Blow It?

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Three facts about failure:

1. Failure hurts.

I am bent over and bowed down. I am sad all day long.

Psalm 38:6 (ICB)

...he (Peter) went outside and wept bitterly. **Matthew 26:75 (NIV)**

2. Failure is normal.

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will abandon me tonight. Scripture says, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep in the flock will be scattered.'"

Matthew 26:31 (GW)

3. Failure is my opportunity to grow.

"Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

John 21:18-19 (NIV)

What do I do when I really blow it?

1. I can own it.

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:17 (NIV)

A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.

Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)

2. I can remember Jesus still wants me.

"Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

Mark 16:7 (CEV)

When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

John 21:9-13 (NIV)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:11-12 (ESV)

GOD, you pulled me out of the grave, gave me another chance at life when I was down-and-out.

Psalm 30:3 (MSG)

3. I can rededicate my life to Jesus.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.

John 21:7-8 (NIV)

*...Then he said to him, "Follow me!" ²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is going to betray you?") ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, "Lord, what about him?" ²² Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? **You must follow me.**"*

John 21:19-22 (NIV)

"... You have left the love you had in the beginning. ⁵ So remember where you were before you fell. Change your hearts and do what you did at first."

Revelation 2:4-5a (NCV)