

# "Help! I've Fallen, And Can't Get Up"

## Setting The Scene:

Luke 22:31-38

## Three Keys To Understanding Failure:

Luke 22:31-32

❶ Satan is **real**, and works in the:

**World**

**Flesh**

**Devil**

❷ Failure is an **event**, not a **person**

❸ Failure can be Satan's **greatest weapon**,  
or God's most **powerful tool**

## How To Overcome Failure:

Luke 22:54-62, John 4:1-42, John 21:15-19, 1 John 1:9, 2:1-2, Hebrews 7:24-25, 1 Peter 2:24  
Satan: 1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44, 10:10, Ephesians 6:11, Revelation 12:9-10

▶ Call sin, **sin**...and **own it!**

▶ **Repent** and ask **forgiveness**

▶ Listen to what **God says** about you, not **Satan's lies**

▶ Remember that Jesus won't **fail us**, even when we **fail him**

## Food for Thought

For the week of November 20, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. King David is a great example of someone who faced failure and sin in his life. One of those failures was an affair he had with a neighbor's wife and a cover-up that included the murder of her husband. What "closet cleaning" steps do you see David taking in Psalm 51:1-17?

When it comes to dealing with your own failure and sin, is there any part of David's prayer that would be helpful for you to use?

What challenges or benefits can you see from taking the "closet cleaning" advice given to us in James 5:16?

2. Have you ever thought that someone who was confessing or apologizing for something wasn't really "owning up" to their stuff? How does 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 help us understand what true confession is?

How might this kind of true repentance affect your confession to others, and/or to God?

3. Avoiding repeated sin and failure is something we all hope to do as we follow Christ. But we all have also seen others experience, or have experienced ourselves, the reality of falling back into the same pattern of repeated sin and failure. Fortunately, God has given us some spiritual practices that can help decrease the temptation to presume upon God's second chances and at the same time strengthen us for consistent obedience. How might the following passages speak to this?

Psalm 119:9-11

1 Corinthians 15:33

Philippians 4:8

2 Timothy 2:22

Looking back at these passages again, what are some specific applications and ways to put these verses into action? Have you ever found one to be more helpful than the other? Is there one you feel you need to apply in your life right now?

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