

WHEN FALLING BECOMES A BLESSING

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Simon Peter is a man that we read a good deal about in the Bible. We know that he was a fisherman by trade before he met Jesus. He was a man of faith. He was willing to leave his successful business behind to follow Jesus. He was willing to leave the boat to walk on the water to where Jesus was during the storm. He was obedient enough to cast his net on the other side of the boat after having fished all night and catching nothing. Peter was the man who understood that Jesus was more than just another man. He boldly proclaimed, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Because of this Peter was favored above the others and given the keys to the kingdom. Jesus said to him, "Whatever you bind, I'll bind and whatever you loose, I'll loose." Peter was the man chosen by God to preach the message on the Day of Pentecost and in two days, 8,000 souls were saved as a result of that message.

Simon Peter was a great man who did some great things but he was still just a man. A sinful man. A man far from perfect. A man who would deny that he even knew who Jesus was. A man who cursed. A man who greatly disappointed the Lord.

What caused Peter to do these things? He had too much confidence in the flesh! He thought he was stronger and better than everybody else. Others might betray Him, but not Simon Peter. But as we know, Simon Peter denied the Lord three times before the rooster crowed.

1 Cor 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Prov 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

We all know how Peter felt. Each one of us has also failed the Lord at one time or another.

When we have fallen, the devil is quick to show up and try to get us to throw in the towel and quit. He wants us to be condemned to the point of despair, but God also shows up and He wants to help us back on our feet and He wants to turn our stumbling block into a stepping stone!

When falling causes us to acknowledge our need of God, then falling becomes a blessing!

If it takes you making a mess of things to come to the realization that you need the power of God in your life, then falling becomes a blessing!

If you have fallen, don't stay down. Pick yourself back up. Repent for your failure and learn from it and allow God to forgive you and give you the strength to continue on.

Your failure doesn't have to define you! God has bigger plans for you in the future!

We serve a God who can turn a blunder into a blessing!