

God's Sovereignty over Failure



The Foresight

Luke 22:31-34

- A. Christ permitted Satan to sift Peter. (31)**
 - * It has to go through God's hands first.
- B. Christ pleaded in prayer for Peter. (32a)**
 - * It may falter, but will not fail!
- C. Christ pronounced the return of Peter. (32b)**
 - * It will be used to strengthen his faith.
- D. Christ predicted the denial of Peter. (34)**
 - * It will happen just as He said it would.
 1. Occurrence – Today, 3 times!
 2. Offense – No acknowledgment of Him!
 3. Object – Rooster crowed!

What a Difference a Rooster Makes!!!



The Fulfillment

Luke 22:54-62

Accusation: "This man also was with him!"

Denial: "Woman, I do not know Him!"

Accusation: "You also are one of them!"

Denial: "Man, I am not!"

Accusation: "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."

Denial: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

And immediately, while he (Peter) was still speaking, the rooster crowed!

E. Christ proved to Peter he knew his failure.

* It taught him how quick he could fail and how dependent he must become in Christ

God's Strength in Overcoming Failure

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he may sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:31-32 ESV

Simon Peter's Denial

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Simon to Peter Change

From Coward	To Courageous
From Fisherman	To Feeding the Flock
From Haughty	To Humble
From Influenced by Others	To Influential for Others



Simon Peter's Restoration

John 21:15-17 ESV

Question: "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Affirmation: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Challenge: "Feed my lambs."

Question: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"

Affirmation: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Challenge: "Tend my sheep."

Question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Affirmation: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Challenge: "Feed my sheep."

Overcoming failure helps you serve a greater good in God's Kingdom.

1 Peter 5:1-11

