

THE GREATNESS IN YOU

“Failure Is Not Final”

³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

³³ Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” ³⁴ **“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”** ³⁵ But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same. **Matthew 26:31-35 (NIV)**

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said. ⁷⁰ **But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,”** he said. ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² **He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”**

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.” ⁷⁴ **Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!” Immediately a rooster crowed.** ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:69-75 (NIV)

⁶¹ **The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.** Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.”

Luke 22:61 (NIV)

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” ¹⁷ 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 21:15-17 (NIV)

GOD IS STILL IN THE HABIT OF USING BROKEN PEOPLE FOR GREAT THINGS!

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO MAKE GOD LOVE YOU LESS!

³⁵ Can anything **ever** separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ... ³⁷ No, despite all these things, **overwhelming victory is ours through Christ**, who loved us.
Romans 8:35, 37 (NLT)

³⁸ And I am convinced that **nothing** can **ever** separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—**not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.** ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, **nothing in all creation will ever** be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed **in Christ Jesus** our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)**

FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL WITH JESUS!

²³ The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)