



How to Recover from Failure 01.07.24

START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

1 Peter 5:7a instructs us, "To cast our cares on God." In the message, we discussed how "to cast" literally means to drop a giant boulder.

- What image does this bring to your mind?
- Can you see yourself in that image?
 - How do we follow Peter's advice?

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

In Matthew 26:58, 69-70, we read that Peter was following "at a distance."

- What does this say about whose opinion he was really valuing?
- What are the implications for us?

Read Psalm 51:17.

- What does God never reject?

START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

Below are the three ways that cause personal failure:

1. We overestimate our strengths.
2. We fear the disapproval of others.
3. We speak without thinking.
 - Which one stands out to you in your personal experience?
 - How are some ways that you have received support from your Small Group?

Read 1 Peter 1:3.

- How does this verse bring you hope despite your failures?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"God, there's no way I deserve Your forgiveness. I really blew it. I don't deserve Your mercy. Your grace. But, You are a kind God. You are a loving God. You are a merciful and forgiving God. So, here's my failure. Here's my pain. I'm throwing myself on Your mercy. I need a fresh start. I can't earn it. I don't deserve it. But I'm going to ask You to do what You love to do, which is to show mercy."

Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Memorize Psalm 51:17