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## **The Road to Restoration**

### **Failing**

#### **John 18**

15 Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, 16 but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. 17 The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” 18 Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself....25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” 27 Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

**Restoration** - to restore to its former state

#### **1) Has Many Obstacles**

##### **1 Peter 5**

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Wake up! Pay attention! We are involved in a spiritual battle. You need to know the enemy and his characteristics. You need to understand that we are in a life-and-death battle...

#### **Holman NT Commentary**

##### **Genesis 13**

<sup>11</sup> So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. <sup>12</sup> Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

It is actually quite easy for Christians to deny Christ, and sadly it happens all the time. One need not say that Christ does not exist, or that he is not God, or that he is just one of many ways to God, to deny Christ. We can do it in much more subtle ways....

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## **2) The Road to Restoration Requires Repentance**

### **Matthew 26**

<sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

### **Revelation 2**

<sup>4</sup> ...you have abandoned the love you had at first.

### **Matthew 26**

<sup>75</sup> And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus...And he went out and wept bitterly.

### **Hebrews 4**

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### **Matthew 12**

<sup>31</sup> Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

## **3) The Road of Restoration Results in Renewed Service**

### **John 21 AMP**

<sup>7</sup> Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer tunic (for he was stripped *for work*) and threw himself into the sea [and swam ashore].

### **Isaiah 1**

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow

### **Luke 22**

<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

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### **NOTES**

Joel 2:12-13    Luke 5:4-8    John 21:15-17

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