

The Marks of Mercy

Miracle of Mercy – Part 2

What Causes My Failures?

(Matthew 26:31-75)

I overestimate my strength.

(vs. 33, 35)

I fear the disapproval of others.

(vs. 70)

I speak without thinking.

(vs. 74)

How Should I Respond to My Failures?

Grieve

(Matthew 26:75)

Let others support me.

(John 20:19, 26)

Cast myself on God's mercy.

(1 Peter 1:3)

Jesus' Response to My Failures

(Luke 22:31-32)

1) He's not shocked.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat..." vs. 31 (NIV)

"He certainly knows what we are made of. He bears in mind that we are dust." Psalm 103:14 (GW)

2) He prays for us.

"But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail." vs. 32a (NIV)

"...He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf." Hebrews 7:25 (NLT)

3) He believes in us.

"...And when you have turned back..." vs. 32b (NIV)

4) He offers a helping hand.

"When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them... 'Now come and have some breakfast!' Jesus said... Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish." John 21:9-13 (NLT)

5) He uses them to build His church.

"...And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." vs. 32c (NIV)

"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)