

PETER...

Heart of Gold...

Feet of Clay!

Besides his
“Mountain-Top” experiences,
Peter also had some
deep “valleys” ...
times when he “failed
miserably”!

Peter's "Valleys" ...

- Peter's Denials of Jesus! Matthew 26:47-75.

MAJOR FAILURE!!!

“Autopsy” of A “Fall”:

Causes of the Fall--Peter’s Denial.

- Preceded by “smaller” failures.
- Pride!
- Failure to heed warnings!
- Failure to believe and follow God’s Word!
- Following God from afar. Mt. 26:57-58.
- Fear!
- Fear of man!

Recovering from a Serious Fall:

- Awareness!
- Grief and Anguish of soul!
- Repentance/Confession of sin!
- Knowing that God is gracious and willing to forgive!
- **ACCEPTING** God's Forgiveness!
- Growing from it and moving beyond it!

Peter's Restoration, John 21

Prelude to the Restoration, 1-14.

Two Lessons:

1. If you are out of the will of God, God will allow you to FAIL MISERABLY!
2. Peter needs to know that Jesus can provide for his needs...even without his help!

Peter's Restoration, John 21

Process of the Restoration, 15-17.

Three Exchanges:

1. A Question.
2. An Answer.
3. A Charge!

The First Exchange...V. 15.

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

Answer: Yes, Lord, you know that
I love You. **phileō**

Charge: Tend (Feed) My Lambs.

The Second Exchange...V. 16.

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

agapé

Answer: Yes, Lord, you know that

I love You. phileō

Charge: Shepherd My sheep.

The Third Exchange...V. 17.

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

phileō

Answer: Lord, you know all things, you know that

I love You. phileō

Charge: Tend (Feed) My sheep.

Jesus Was testing Peter...

- Would he make arrogant comparisons?
- Would he boast in proud self-sufficiency?
- Would he make grandiose promises?

NOTE ALSO...all 3 times,
Jesus asserted HIS ownership
of the sheep and flock!

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Results of the Restoration, 18-19.

Distraction from the Restoration, 20-23.

APPLICATIONS FOR US:

1. God can still use you, regardless of and in spite of your past!
2. The most important attribute of a servant of God is **Loving God!**

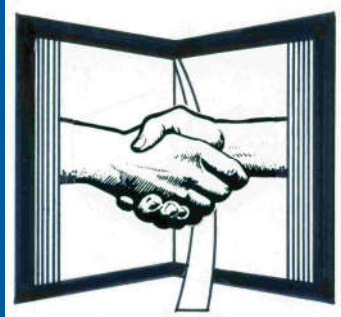
APPLICATIONS FOR US:

3. What others do...or do not do...or MIGHT DO...or MIGHT NOT DO is not your concern!

Romans 14:12, “So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.”

Serve God...Follow Him...

Keep your eyes on Him...not on other people!



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