This Too Will Pass

Greg Kline · Matthew 26:69–75

INTRODUCTION

- Peter in Matthew 26 and verse 69, as Jesus had prophesied, is about to deny him not once, twice, but three times.
- We have these defining moments in life, and there are tons of moments in life that are marked by our failures.
- Moments in life marked by bad happenstances, circumstances beyond our control. The question is, how do we respond to them?

1 Peter's Personal Failure

Acts 5; 1 John 1; Romans 5:8

- When we realize what we have done, we are a failure in the sight of God. What will I do? Will I trust that God can forgive me?
- God demonstrates his own love towards us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- I moved on because Jesus could pull me through. I moved on because there was work for me to do.
- These moments don't have to stop us. They might bog us down, but we must keep on going.

2 Job Endured All Manner of Great Suffering

Job 1:8; Job 1:20–22; Job 42:2–6

- Have you considered my servant Job, who is a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil?
- Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshipped.
- Sometimes it's things outside of my control that happened to me.
- I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you, therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.
- The second problem with the struggle isn't just the pain, it's the why. Why is this happening?
- I, Job realize I'm nothing before God, and that only he can pull me out of this mess.

3 Joseph Unjustly Accused

Genesis 39:6–7

- I will not commit this great wickedness and sin against God.
- What about when something happens to me because somebody else, to be kind, unjustly accuses me.
- The bitterness doesn't harm them at all. Bitterness only harms me and my relationship with my God.
- Jesus died because of my failure so that I could overcome sin. I could overcome temptation and be with God forever.
- This too shall pass. Because my God's plans are greater than my enemies' desires.

4 Elijah Alone and Completely Isolated

1 Kings 19:4; 1 Kings 19:10

- It is enough now, O Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my father's.
- Elijah was scared, he was alone, and he felt completely isolated.
- I, God, am there for my people. I see you. I will not forsake you.
- And it's not just because Elijah ran away. It's because God worked for his children.
- Do I trust that God will be there for me?

5 Jesus Embraced It All

Matthew 27:32–46

- My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- It means to be willing to sacrifice any and all status, convenience, luxury, and life decisions. In the name of doing what God wants us to do.
- Because of my failure, Jesus was crucified. Because of my arrogance, Jesus was derided and mocked.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Which side of that fence are you on? Are we on God's side? Are we on the side of eternity, victory, and peace? Or the side that says, I can't go on. I can't make it. I can't be forgiven.**

MY NOTES