

## ***FAKE NEWS – Exposing the Lies of the Devil***

### **DISQUALIFIED?**

Luke 22:54-62

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#### **What does the epic failure of Simon Peter teach us?**

##### **1. Epic failures can easily sneak up on us.**

###### **A. Be careful of your boasts.**

*Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away. Matthew 26:33*

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.  
1 Corinthians 10:12*

###### **B. Be careful of following from a distance.**

*But Peter was following at a distance. Luke 22:54*

##### **2. Epic failures do not surprise the Lord, but they hurt Him.**

*And he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!" And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." Luke 22:33-34*

##### **3. Epic failures usher in the lies of the devil.**

###### **A. The devil will say you can never be truly forgiven.**

###### **B. The devil will say you can never be used again.**

##### **4. Epic failures require genuine repentance and true faith.**

###### **A. You must have godly sorrow, not just worldly regret.**

*For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death. 2 Corinthians 7:10*

###### **B. You must cling to His Word of hope.**

*"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32*

*"But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He said to you.'"*

*Mark 16:7*

*"So, what have you done that disqualifies you from being used by God?"*

*Answer: If you have repented, NOTHING." Dennis Rainey*

**Your epic failure can be forgiven and you can be used again.**