



Repentance Leads to Restoration

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have all of you, to sift you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32 (NLT)

Prayer Focus: Jesus was warning Simon Peter that his fearful and sinful nature would overtake him, but that hope and healing would follow his repentance. Peter’s response was to declare that he was ready to die with Jesus (vs. 33). But Jesus knew Peter’s frailty in the midst of persecution and possible death. Jesus did not abandon Peter to Satan’s destruction or his own self-implosion. As both Savior and Sanctifier, Jesus prayed for Peter. He pleaded for Peter’s faith to be spared in the face of his forthcoming horrible denial of Christ. Jesus knew that the brash and bold Peter would soon become a weak and whimpering coward, but yet Jesus had confidence that Peter would repent and return to Him. In fact, Jesus knew that Peter would grow in strength and character as a result of his personal failure. Jesus was letting Peter know in advance that repentance always leads to restoration—and that great things were in store for Peter!

Day 1: Praise Jesus as the One who intercedes for us and pleads for the restoration of our faith.

Day 2: Confess the ways you have allowed fear and your own sinful nature to keep you from standing firm in your faith in Christ.

Day 3: Repent for trying to walk in your own strength and not in the power of Jesus as your Sanctifier.

Day 4: Express to the Lord your desire to walk in His strength.

Day 5: Pray that believers will grow in strength and character in Christ in the midst of struggles and trials.

Day 6: Pray that the leaders in your church will walk in true repentance and trust in Jesus alone for strength to lead.

Day 7: Pray that Satan will not be allowed to destroy lives of believers or the lost in your community. Pray that repentance will be acknowledged as the way to Christ.

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