

WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN FAILURES COME!

John 21:15, "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me More than these?"

Failure is not a word that we enjoy using in regards to ourselves. Everything within us loves to think of success, achievement and excellence. Yet, the real heart of the matter declares that we are human beings, and our failures are many. We fail in our walk with God, we fail when know we ought to do things and don't follow through. We fail in the area of obedience. We fail in many ways.

While that may sound discouraging, the wonderful news is that God anticipates every failure of our lives. While we may not anticipate our failures- God does. In the life of Peter, such was the case. Before, Peter's birth, God knew that Peter would be faced with a crisis of faith and obedience, and God knew Peter would fail to hold to the course of steadfastness.

God knew that Peter would deny that he knew Jesus. It would seem that if any would not let Jesus down it would have been the disciples, but such was not the case. The failed him, just as we do today. However, we ought not lose heart at our failures. Because God doesn't lose heart at us in our failures. He knows them all, anticipates them all, and is ready to meet with us after we fall. This is not to shun the reality of consequences. Yet, there are many who live in hopeless despair thinking themselves useless, of no good, when it comes to the things of God. Yet, God has a loving way of dealing with our failures.

Failure to know the way God handles our failures, will rob us of great joy, and great relief when we come to our next failure in life. With each passing new year, many give New Year's resolutions declaring that they will quit this thing or start doing that thing. When in real truth to the child of God, his or her greatest blessing may well be to learn how the Lord looks at our failures. As you begin this new year, it we have a loving Father who has already SEEN THIS YEAR'S FAILURES and more than that, He has already forgiven us for every failure that we will face through the precious shed blood of His Son. As you walk into this new year, rest in the fact that you have a Loving Father, that loves to forgive every area of failure that we experience, and He loves to restore us, renew us, and refresh us in our