**Failure is not Final**

**John 18:15-18, 25-27; Luke 22:31-34 / February 11, 2024**

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**Peter as an example of God’s Works of Art**

* A dark story of failure, initially (John 18:15-27)
* But there is more to the story, namely Jesus! (Luke 22:31-34)

**Failure is not final when Jesus is involved!**

**Let’s live this truth**

* For ourselves, and never give into despair
* For our brothers and sister so we can say “Your failure is not final with me.”

**Yes, we have adversary**

* Job story
* Revelations 12:9
* Throw down dragon
* Ancient serpent
* Devil – accuser
* Satan – adversary
* Deceiver of the world
* **But Jesus has defeated him!**

**In these times of sifting and failure, we have an Advocate, Jesus, who**

**(Luke 22-31)**

* Is Sovereign
* Is a Prayer Warrior
* Gives Hope

**In our failure there may be**

* Cursing and hating on ourselves (Matthew 26:74)
* Bitter tears (Luke 22:62)
* But there is also the compassionate presence of Jesus (Luke 22:61)

**Godly sorrow leads to restoration (2 Corinthians 7:10)**

* Paul restored
* Judas despaired (“worldly sorrow”)

**Full circle for Peter as God’s work of Art**

* Feed my sheep (John 21:15)
* Pentecost (Acts 2:14)
* Martyrdom