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**FINDING OURSELVES IN PETER'S STORY
WHY GOD ALLOWS GOOD MEN TO FALL
Luke 22:31-34**

What causes us to fall? Luke 22:31-33

- Satan is our **adversary**. Luke 22:31; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 12:10; Eph. 6:10-12; 2 Cor. 4:4; Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Matt. 4:1-10
- **Pride** leads to our failure. Luke 22:33; John 13:37; Matt. 26:33; 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 6:3; Mark 14:31; Prov. 16:18; 11:2
- Our prayerlessness leads to our **failure**. Luke 22:40, 45-46; Matt. 7:7-8; Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28

How do we overcome our failure? Luke 22:32

- **Christ** is always interceding for us. Luke 22:32; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:24; 9:24; 1 John 2:1
- Christ is willing to take us **back** (repentance). Luke 22:32; Matt. 18:3; Acts 3:19; 2:38; 1 John 1:29; Matt. 3:8; Acts 17:30-31
- Christ will use our failures to **help** others. Luke 22:32; 1 Cor. 10:1-12; James 1:19-20; 1 Thess. 5:14; Ps. 51:12-13

What do we need to lose in order to gain?

- We need to lose our independence to gain dependence upon **God**. Luke 22:33; Matt. 26:33; Acts 4:8-12, 18-19
- We need to lose our pride to gain **humility**. John 3:30; 1 Pet. 5:6-8; James 4:6-8
- We need to lose our self-confidence to gain God's **confidence**. Gal. 2:20; Luke 12:13-21; Phil. 4:13
- We need to lose our **courage** to gain God's courage. Acts 4:18-19

FIRST LAW OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

- I can't go back.
- I can't stay here.
- I must go forward.

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