

Unfailing Faith

IN FAILING MOMENTS



Luke 22:31-34

And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.” ³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”





Keys to having Unfailing Faith in Failing Moments



4 Keys to having Unfailing Faith in Failing Moments



1 Advocate vs. Accuser

Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for **you**, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for **you**, that your faith should not fail..."

Luke 22:31-32



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WARNING

BEFORE THE WARFARE

Luke 22:31

- **Simon, Simon...**
 - ⋮ a personal, affectionate call
- **Indeed...**
 - ⋮ listen carefully
- **Satan has asked...**
 - ⋮ to demand
- **Sift you as wheat...**
 - ⋮ to shake violently until only what's real remains



The Accuser's Case & The Advocate's Defence

The name **Satan** means **Accuser**

Jesus is Simon's **Advocate**

A lawyer who speaks for or defends someone in a court of law.



The Two ‘You’s’

“Satan has asked
for *you*...”
v.31

(Greek: *hymas* – plural)

The enemy wants to sift **ALL**
followers of Christ.

“But I have prayed
for *you*...”
v.32

(Greek: *sou* – singular)

Jesus’ prayer is personal.



Difference between Faithless and No Faith

If we are faithless, He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.

2 Timothy 2:13

No Faith

No belief, no trust,
no relationship.

Faithless

Weak faith, shaken faith,
inconsistent faith.



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2 Attitude of Simon

But he said to Him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.'

Luke 22:33



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Speaking in tongues
is a gift of the Spirit,
but controlling your tongue
is a fruit of the Spirit.



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———— If an egg ————
is broken by an outside force,
LIFE ENDS.
If broken by an inside force,
LIFE BEGINS.

Great things always begin from the inside.



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3 Arise and Strengthen Others

So when you have **repented** and
turned to Me again, **strengthen**
your brothers.

Luke 22:32 (NLT)



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3 Steps to Restoration



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1

Repentance starts the process of Restoration

So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:62



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3 Steps to Restoration

2

Returning to God

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore.

John 21:7 (NLT)



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Those who believed what Peter said were
baptised and added to the church that day
– about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:41 (NLT)



3 Steps to Restoration

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Restoration isn't Complete until you Strengthen Others

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

⁹ Resist him, **steadfast in the faith**...

¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, **strengthen**, and settle you.

1 Peter 5:8-10



4 Keys to having Unfailing Faith in Failing Moments



4 At the Fireplace

The ***First*** Fireplace -
Night of Failure

Now the servants and officers
who had made a **fire of coals**
stood there, for it was cold,
and they warmed themselves.
And Peter stood with them and
warmed himself.

John 18:18



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4 At the Fireplace

The **Second** Fireplace –
Morning of Restoration

As soon as they had come to land, they saw a **fire of coals** there, and **fish** laid on it, and **bread**.¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.'

John 21:9-10

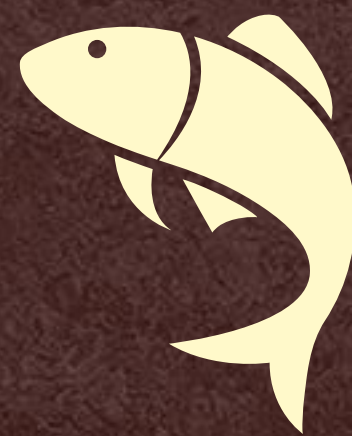


The Restoration Elements



Fire

Memory of Failure
becomes the
Place of Healing



Fish

Reminder of
Calling



Bread

Sign of Jesus'
Divine Provision
and Presence



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