

Book Club 2026—1
Famous Failures
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Everybody fails.

No one really enjoys it.

God will give you a second chance.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time ...

Jonah 3:1 NIV

A Second Chance Means ...

1. The first time was lost.

2. Grace is needed.

Grace is always needed when we do wrong.

Grace is always needed when we do right, also.

3. We can make a better choice.

God will give you hope.

3 Reasons That Peter Failed

1. He placed himself spiritually above others.

On the way, Jesus told them, “Tonight all of you will desert me. ...”
Matthew 26:31 NLT

Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you.” Matthew 26:33 NLT

2. He thought he knew himself better than Jesus did.

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me.”
³⁵*“No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!”* ... Matthew 26:34-35 NLT

3. He felt he was stronger than he really was.

“... the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!” Matthew 26:41 NLT

The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. ... Luke 22:61 NIV

“... do you love me?” ... John 21:15 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **Matthew 26:31, 33-35, 41**. What stands out to you in this passage? What are some dangers of thinking you know better than God?

Talk about a time when you were given a second chance. What was that experience like, and how has it influenced your faith or relationships?

Is there an area of your life where you've fallen short and need forgiveness from God or people? How will you reconnect with God this week?

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