

Message Summary

Everybody fails, and no one really enjoys it. The good news is that God gives us a second chance. Through Peter's story, we can learn how to come back to Jesus when we mess up.

Key Scripture

On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. ..." Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you."

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." "No!" Peter insisted. "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you!" ...

[Jesus replied] "... the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

Matthew 26:31, 33-35, 41 NLT

Additional Scriptures

- Jonah 3:1 NIV
- Luke 22:61 NIV
- John 21:15 NLT

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your favorite genre of books or movies?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Who in your life gives you grace? What can you learn from them?
- 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?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- 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?

Start Praying

Gracious Father, thank You for loving us even when we fall short or fail. Please help us to admit when we make mistakes so we can fully receive Your grace and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- If failures have kept you far from God, start reconnecting with Him this week.
- Start the Bible Plan *Six Steps to Your Best Leadership* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/bestleadership
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.