

SERIES: Turning Your Setback Into A Comeback

TITLE: Getting It Right After You've Gotten It Wrong—Spiritual Backsliding

- I. What are the causes and conditions of being a backslidden believer? (Vv. John 13:21-25; Luke 22:31-34; Mark 14:27-31; 66-72)
 - A. When you have focused on yourself or others.
 - B. When you feel embarrassment or ashamed because of failure.
 - C. When you have reacted out of fear and not acted in faith.
 - D. When you have disappointed yourself.
 - E. When you have forsaken your responsibility.
 - F. When you are not sure how to get back.
- II. What is the cure when you have backslidden? (Vv. John 21:15-19)
 - A. Understand you belong to the Lord and He pursues you.
 - B. The Lord loves you enough to confront you.
 - C. The Lord calls you to repent and re-confess your loyalty to Him.
 - D. The Lord commissions you to serve and shepherd others.

Take Aways:

1. You can fall away from following Jesus very quickly.
2. Our falling away is precipitated by pride and fear.
3. Living a backslidden life is miserable.
4. The Lord loves you and confronts you.
5. The Lord leads you back to Himself.
6. The Lord calls you to serve others as He has served you.