

When Our Efforts Fail ...

*Peter answered him,
"Though they all fall away because of you,
I will never fall away." (Mt 26:33)*

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The story of paradise lost becoming paradise regained is the story of God's grace bringing us from alienation from him to membership in his family. God's grace restores us to what Adam lost for us - sonship to the God who made us, loves us, and provides for us in every detail in life.

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Grace Seeks Us Out

*"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"
He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
He said to him, "Feed my lambs." (John 21:15)*

"God's Patient Grace"

John 21

Devotional Idea: God's patient grace continues to move us toward growth and maturity, calling us more and more away from self-dependence and teaching us that divine benefits come through a yielding disposition.

Contemplate the Principle of John 15:5 ...

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit,
apart from me you can do nothing."*

John 15:5

+ What's the Principle we learn from this verse?

Chronicle Peter's Journey with Jesus to the Cross

What do you learn about Peter, and yourself?

+ Do you think Peter was committed to and loved Jesus?

*Some passages to consider: John 13:13:6-9, 13:36-38,
Mt. 26:30-35, John 18:10*

+ Is commitment & love enough to help someone endure challenges that come?

Another passage to consider: Mt. 26:37-40

+ Why is personal fortitude & determination not enough to help you in the Christian life?

+ What do you learn about God's Patient grace from John 21, specifically verses 15-17?

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)