

FAILURE

PR 24:16 for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity.

PS 37:23 If the LORD delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm; though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

PS 38:1-11 (1) O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. **(2)** For your arrows have pierced me, and your hand has come down upon me. **(3)** Because of your wrath there is no health in my body; my bones have no soundness because of my sin. **(4)** My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. **(5)** My wounds fester and are loathsome because of my sinful folly. **(6)** I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning. **(7)** My back is filled with searing pain; there is no health in my body. **(8)** I am feeble and utterly crushed; I groan in anguish of heart. **(9)** All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. **(10)** My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes. **(11)** My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds; my neighbors stay far away.

HEB 12:4-11 (4) In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **(5)** And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, **(6)** because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." **(7)** Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? **(8)** If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. **(9)** Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! **(10)** Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. **(11)** No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Matt 14:28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" John 18: they said to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?" He denied *it* and said, "I am not!" ²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, a relative *of him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" ²⁷ Peter then denied again; and immediately a

rooster crowed. ^{Luke 22:32} But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

LK 15:11-32 (11) Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. **(12)** The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. **(13)** "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. **(14)** After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **(15)** So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **(16)** He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. **(17)** "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **(18)** I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **(19)** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' **(20)** So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. **(21)** "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **(22)** "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **(23)** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. **(24)** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. **(25)** "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **(26)** So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **(27)** 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' **(28)** "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **(29)** But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **(30)** But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' **(31)** " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. **(32)** But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "