

Restoration of a Sinning Saint

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 26:58-69.

B. Peter gave God the opportunity to show his profound forgiveness.

C. Peter's collapse was inevitable.

II. Peter's love for Christ was weak but real, so he could not walk away completely from him during the trial.

III. Involuntary reaction reveals character not voluntary response. Peter acted on his own impulse.

IV. Peter had great spiritual privilege and experience, but this does not mean he was invincible.

V. Self-confidence leads to compromise.

Application Questions:

1. When have you failed after having too much self-confidence in something?

2. How can we take courage from the failures of Peter?

3. How can we anticipate similar failures better in our lives? Explain.
