

# ROCK | FORMATION

## Failing Forward Luke 22:24-34

1. Peter was really no more a failure than the rest of us, he just tended to be more conspicuous.
2. Jesus is neither surprised nor deterred by failure.

Jesus expects failure.

Jesus permits failure.

Jesus leverages failure.

Jesus redeems failure.

### Failing successfully

1. Settle the core issue.
2. Separate your performance from your person.
3. See your failure as a tool.
4. Slide back into the saddle.

# GROWTH *guide*

*For those who are passionate about their faith!*

**Peter was a person well acquainted with failure—but Jesus never gave up on him, and seemed to somehow use his failures for good. Let’s learn from Peter’s failures this week.**

**Through the New Testament in 2018:** Acts 6-10

Monday | **John 21:15-22**

Jesus restores Peter after his great failure—but Peter fails again. What is the danger in comparing ourselves with others and their situations? Have you ever been envious of others’ blessings?

Tuesday | **Matthew 16:21-23**

Why did Peter rebuke Jesus? Where do you think his heart was? Why did Jesus react so strongly to Peter? Where might your opinion on something not be the same as Jesus?

Wednesday | **John 13:1-11**

Why didn’t Peter want Jesus to wash his feet? How was his thinking wrong? How does Jesus respond to Peter’s reaction?

Thursday | **Matthew 26:36-46**

What was Peter’s failure? How are you at being aware of and sensitive to the needs of others? Is prayer an area of strength or weakness for you?

Friday | **John 18:1-11**

Beyond the physical violence involved, what was Peter’s failure? What truth did Jesus teach in the moment?

Sunday preview | **Matthew 14:22-33**

Many would find fault in Peter in this story, but he took a bold step—and in the process had a great faith experience. What spiritual experiences have shaped you?