



# I Deserve To Be Counted Out, But He Gave Me Another Chance

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<sup>54</sup> So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" <sup>57</sup> But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!" <sup>58</sup> After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." <sup>62</sup> And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly. **Luke 22:54-62 NLT**

## 1. Peter's mistakes

- He underestimated his own weaknesses
- He followed Jesus at a distance

<sup>12</sup> *If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall.*  
**1 Corinthians 10:12 NLT**

## 2. Failure is not the end

- Failure is an event, not a person
- Don't put a period where God puts a comma

<sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

**Luke 22:31-32 NLT**

*But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!*

**1 Peter 4:16 NLT**

## Next Steps:

- ☐ Admit my weaknesses (\_\_\_\_\_) and make wise choices as I face temptation
- ☐ Commit to start over after failing knowing that God wants to give me another chance
- ☐ Commit to follow closer to Jesus in my daily walk: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Give God praise and thanks that he doesn't give me what I deserve
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