

## WHEN CHRISTIANS FAIL

JOHN 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:1-19 (ESV)

- I. Even though we fail, God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_ does not fail.
- A. Peter's failures, despite his probable doubts to the contrary, \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan, rather than \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - B. On an eternal scale, God has already \_\_\_\_\_ for our failures and will accomplish His redemptive purposes despite us— and \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- II. Even though we fail, God's plan \_\_\_\_\_ does not fail.
- A. Peter's shameful failure led to \_\_\_\_\_, rather than \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. On a personal level, our failures come at a real cost of our \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and our \_\_\_\_\_ of growth.
  - C. As we repent, we will find ourselves restored...
    - 1. To a sense of intimacy and joyful \_\_\_\_\_ with God and \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. In some cases, opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_ where we have failed in the past.
  - D. God is so committed to His own \_\_\_\_\_ through His children that He uses our failures as a \_\_\_\_\_ for our growth.

III. Even though we fail, God's plan for \_\_\_\_\_ does not fail.

A. Peter's failure in regard to the people around him, doubtless shaped His \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes, actions, and \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.

B. When we look backward on our failings in regards to others, we can trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ sort through our \_\_\_\_\_.

C. When we look forward toward future interactions, repentant obedience looks like being an \_\_\_\_\_ of love through Gospel words and gracious actions.