

Get Back Up Again

Proverbs 24:16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief. (KJV)

Giving honor to God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. To my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. As we look at today's text of Proverbs 24:15-16, I would like to share from the topic "Get Back Up Again."

As we reflect on the Old Testament (Proverbs), I would like to consider Peter as we remember his fall in the Gospel of John. When you read each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you will notice that Peter's denial of Jesus appears in each one. It's interesting that each one describes his failure. The beauty in his failure is that Peter doesn't just fall, but he gets back up again. Not only does he get back up again, but he gets back in line and service for the Lord. Peter learns a lesson in his failure, but he gets back in line to fulfill the calling of service for the Lord. Proverbs 24:16 references falling seven times as a sign of completion. We must be willing to get back up and to get back in relationship with the Lord. Once Peter got back up, God used him mightily and did many miracles through His grace and mercy.

God blessed Peter to have a shadow ministry. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Do you remember the story in the book of Acts, when Peter came into the portico and the people brought the sick and laid the people in the street, laid them on beds and couches, with the hopes that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. Hold On. *Wait a minute.* I want you to know that a multitude came out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and folks who were vexed with unclean spirits; and every single one of them was healed. (Acts 5:15-16) Tell somebody to Get Back Up Again.

The word of God teaches us that we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. (Isaiah 64:6). All have sinned and come

short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23). But I came to remind you, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

I remember growing up and my parents teaching me and my sister how to ride 10-Speed bicycles. I remember falling and falling and falling, while attempting to ride that bicycle. In fact, I fell so many times, that I would tear my jeans at the knees. Oftentimes, I would try to explain to my mom that I had fallen while trying to ride the bicycle. I was encouraged to wear old jeans when I rode the bicycle which would minimize the cost of the jeans. I was determined to ride that bike, especially after ruining so many pairs of new and old jeans. Our dad and mom would encourage us to continue to get back up. After falling more times than I could count, I would always hear their words of love and encouragement saying, "Get Back Up Again."

Though I was able to get back up, my wardrobe had taken a beating. My mom encouraged me... Quite frankly, she told me that they weren't going to continue to purchase new jeans every time I fell. The choice was to either change my jeans or wear the ones with holes in the knees to school. I want you to know that God showed favor. When I wore my jeans to school with holes around the knees, it started a new trend. I noticed more kids were wearing their jeans with holes in them. Then they came out with the stone-washed jeans, which looked like they had been dyed and dragged across the road. My point is God had taken my failure and showed Himself faithful. God's love shined through my parents, sister, family, and friends. In a place where I struggled and failed, God created a common fellowship with others and many of my friends were going to school with jeans that had holes in them, but it was cool. Come on somebody. I'm telling you God can lift you above your situation and your circumstances, but you must be willing to Get Back Up Again. Can I get a witness?

So, you got some bad news? God is more for you than the whole world against you. So, you feel a little weak or tired. In your weakness, God's

strength is perfected. Do you feel all alone? The Lord is a Comforter and a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Are you hungry? He'll be your bread and your water. Are you sick? He'll be your healer in the sick room. Are you going through a season of lack. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills. My brothers and my sisters, no matter what it looks like or how you may feel, "Get Back Up Again." The Lord is more for you than the whole world against you. "Get Back Up Again. In the Name of Jesus. The scripture says, if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (Romans 10:9-12) "Get Back Up Again. In the Name of Jesus." Amen.