



I THINK. I FEEL. I AM ... defeated

JOHN 21

I. I feel defeated when I fall short of my _____.

*Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."
Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you,
the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times." John 13:37-38*

II. I feel defeated when I think Jesus doesn't want to _____ with me.

*Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ...
Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors
were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." John 20:24, 26*

III. When I feel defeated I gravitate back to my _____ patterns.

*Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you."
They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. v. 3*

*"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might
sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.
And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."*

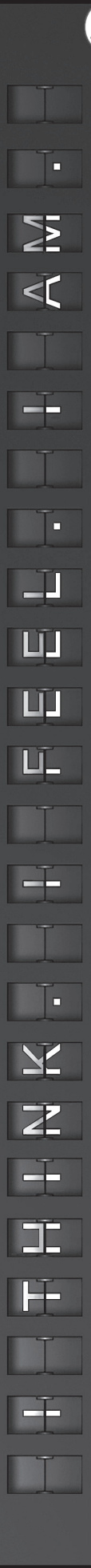
LUKE 22:31-32

When I think, I feel, I am defeated ...

■ i AM... _____ because of Jesus' finished work for me.

■ i FEEL ... Jesus offering me _____ chances to follow Him.

■ i THINK... Jesus will always be _____ to me no matter how defeated I feel.



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. When have you felt defeated in your walk with Jesus? What were the circumstances, and how did He move you past it? How can you encourage others from your experience?

“Daily living by faith in Christ is what makes the difference between the sickly and the healthy Christian, between the defeated and the victorious saint.”

A. W. PINK

“Failure is inevitable. And the Lord is never surprised when we fail. It’s not as though He called us to follow Him without knowing the future! With the penalty of our sins paid in full, failure for the believer is merely a reminder to depend upon Him rather than self—to replace self-confidence with Christ-confidence.”

CHARLES SWINDOLL

“Beware when you get your eyes off the Lord and start to look at other Christians! ‘Looking unto Jesus’ should be the aim and practice of every believer (Heb 12:1-2). To be distracted by ourselves, our circumstances or by other Christians is to disobey the Lord and possibly get detoured out of the will of God. Keep your eyes of faith on Him and on Him alone. ... God has His plan for us; He also has plans for our Christian friends and associates. How He works in their lives is His business. Our business is to follow Him as He leads us (Rom 14:1-13).”

WARREN WIERSBE

2. Read John 13:37-38 and 20:19-29, then all of chapter 21. Why didn’t the disciples recognize Jesus on the beach? What did that say about their expectations of Him?

3. What surprises you most about Jesus in chapter 21, and why?

4. Just as Peter compared himself to how John (21:21) and Thomas (20:19-29) related to Jesus, how do we compare ourselves to what we see in others? How is this dangerous for our obedience and our faith?

5. What is entailed in following Jesus as a disciple? How can you be a disciple of Jesus this week?

6. What have you gleaned from this *I Think, I Feel, I Am* study over the last seven weeks? How do you want the truths you learned to affect your life going forward?

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

- 1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
“Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That’s a great spot to see what’s coming up!

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD Wonder why there’s suffering if there’s a good God? It’s a common question God’s people wrestle with. Even in the Old Testament, one of God’s prophets, Habakkuk, began a conversation about God’s sovereignty, mercy and justice. Want to listen in? Join us at The Women in the Word study Conversations with God this month! Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/wiw to read more.

FIREPROOF FAITH God is mighty and faithful, and His design for the men who follow Him changes the world for His glory and their good. Ready to run the race with brothers? This summer our Men’s Ministry Bible study, Band of Brothers, is heading into a study of Galatians—focused on a fireproof faith. Get suited up and visit www.ccbcfamily.org/bob to sign up today.

ELDER PRAYER The Elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we’re excited to do this together today at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Learn more at www.ccbcfamily.org/elderprayer.

MSM SUMMER CAMP Join the MSM staff and your favorite leaders as we head to Carolina Creek Christian Camp from Wednesday, July 24 through Saturday, July 27. From learning more about Jesus and the gospel to hanging with friends and making memories, register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/msmsummer.

BIG BAND FOR YOU You’re invited to join us for a night of toe-tapping and memorable music at the CCBC Big Band! Everyone is invited to come and bring some friends as we hear the Big Band present a night of jazz just for you. No reservations are needed and the event is free.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2024! Today is our Senior Sunday and we’re excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our high school seniors. Take a look at where they’re heading off to next by scanning the QR code. Join us in celebrating and praying for their next chapter.

UP NEXT IN STUDENT MINISTRY An incredible summer is ahead! When you scan the QR code you’ll land on our Student Ministry webpage, where you can click a ministry highlight that applies to your student(s). Once there, scroll to the “Gather” highlight and find your campus calendar. Discover all that’s ahead for your student(s) this summer and where they can participate in programs that will continue to grow their faith.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.