#### GRACE "Grace When We Fall" – Part 8 of 9 June 23, 2024

"Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to You again! Give us back the joys we once had!" Lamentations 5:21 (NLT)

## WHAT CAUSES BELIEVERS TO FALL AWAY? Peter's Denial of Christ - Mark 14:27-72 (NCV)

1.

"Everyone else may stumble in their faith, but I will not!" vs. 29

2.

"Couldn't you stay awake with me for one hour?" vs. 37

3. FEAR OF \_\_\_\_\_

"Peter followed far behind..." vs. 54a

#### 4.

"There he sat with the guards, warming himself by the fire." vs. 54b

# GOD'S RESPONSE:

"There is <u>no condemnation</u> for those <u>who belong to Christ Jesus</u>." Romans 8:1 (NLT)

# WHY DOESN'T GOD REJECT BELIEVERS WHEN WE SIN?

1. BECAUSE HIS LOVE IS \_\_\_\_\_

"His (God's) compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction." Lamentations 3:22 (LB)

### 2. BECAUSE SALVATION ISN'T BASED ON MY "He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but

because of His mercy." Titus 3:5 (NLT)

### 3. BECAUSE JESUS HAS ALREADY TAKEN MY

"When Jesus served as a sacrifice for our sins, He solved the sin problem for good -- not only ours, but the whole world's."

1 John 2:2 (MSG)

## 4. BECAUSE JESUS UNDERSTANDS MY HUMAN \_\_\_\_

"This High Priest of ours (Jesus) understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same temptations we do, yet He did not sin."

Hebrews 4:15 (NLT)

#### 5. BECAUSE GOD DOESN'T HOLD ON TO \_

"God will not <u>constantly accuse</u> us, nor remain angry forever. He does not punish us for all our sins; <u>He does not deal harshly with us, as we</u> <u>deserve</u>...He is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him." **Psalm 103:9-13 (NLT)** 

"Come back to me, you faithful children, and I will forgive you for being unfaithful." Jeremiah 3:22 (NCV)

### WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I SIN? TO GOD!

"If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me." Jeremiah 15:19 (NLT)

"No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you clean as freshly fallen snow." Isaiah 1:18 (LB)

"With great compassion I will take you back." Isaiah 54:7 (LB)

"Restore to me again the joy of your salvation." Psalm 51:12 (NLT)