

When Jesus was on trial before His crucifixion, Peter denied that he knew Jesus three times. Peter was so bitterly disappointed in himself, so ashamed of being a coward. Soon after that, they crucified Jesus. Peter never had the chance to tell Him he was sorry, and had to live with the guilt. But when three women found Jesus' tomb was empty, an angel told them to go tell His disciples and Peter that He was alive. The only disciple specifically pointed out was Peter. God was showing us: "I don't define you by your mistakes. I don't cancel your destiny because you have failed." 50 days later, it was Peter who gave the inaugural message that birthed the Church.

You may have made mistakes and failed, as Peter did, but you need to learn to forgive yourself. Stop remembering what God has forgiven and forgotten. His mercy is bigger than any mistake you have ever made or will make. God is saying: "Get back in the race. You can still do what I called you to do."

Mark 16:6-7 "...but the angel said: "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid His body. Now go and tell His disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there, just as He told you before He died.""