

AMAZING GRACE!

"Restoring Grace!"

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Lam. 5:21

"Restore us, O Lord, and bring us back to You again. Give us back the joys we once had."

1. WHY DO CHRISTIANS **REBEL**? (Mark 14)

"Peter said to him, 'Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will.'" (Mark 14:29 NLT)

A. Get Over-**Confident**.

"If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall." (1 Cor. 10:12 NLT)

"Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18 NLT)

B. We Get **Lazy**.

"Simon, are you asleep? Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Mark 14:37b-38 NLT)

C. We Fear **Rejection**.

"Peter followed Him at a distance." (Mark 15:54)

"If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words I will be ashamed of him before the holy angels and My Father in heaven." (Mark 8:38)

D. We Want **Comfort**.

"Meanwhile, Peter was in the courtyard below. One of the servant girls who worked for the high priest came by and noticed Peter warming himself at the fire." (Mark 14:66 NLT)

2. HOW CHRIST **RESTORES!**

"If you return to Me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve Me." (Jer. 15:19)

A. **Confess**.

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord..." (Romans 10:9a NLT)

B. **Commit**.

"and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9b NLT)

C. **Cleanse**.

"But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (1 John 1:9 NLT)

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