

Get in the Game Recovering the Fumble

John 16:33 Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy when we encounter trials of various kinds knowing that the testimony of our faith produces perseverance.

I. How do you recover from the fumbles of life?

1. Anticipate fumbles

James 3:2 "We all stumble in many ways."

Ecclesiastes 7:20 "There is not a single person in all the earth who is always good and never sins."

Romans 3:23 "All have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."

2. Prepare for your fumbles

John 13:37 One day, Peter told Jesus, "I am ready to die for you" Jesus turned to him and said, "Die for me? No, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

Matthew 26:75 Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: 'Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went away, crying bitterly.

Matthew 26:41 Jesus said, "Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For though the spirit is willing enough, the body is weak!"

James 5:16 "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other."

Galatians 6:2-3 “Share each other’s troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself.”

3. Understand a fumble is not the end of a game.

Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, “Now I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

4. Depend on God’s Grace

Psalm 103:14 “For he understands how weak we are; he knows we are only dust.”

II. How do you overcome being blind sided in life?

1. Focus on God

2. Focus on Eternity