# "KNOCKED DOWN, BUT NOT KNOCKED OUT!"

**(Failure need not be Fatal)**

INTRODUCTION:

Examples of Bible characters who failed and sinned against God

***A child of God may be knocked down, but he/she will never be knocked out!**

Why? Because of:

## I. God's FAITHFULNESS to His Children

(Psalm 37:23-24, 28)

A. The Lord keeps catching us and lifting us up when we stumble (v. 24)

B. The Lord never forsakes His own (v. 25-28)

His work in us never stops until the Rapture (Phil. 1:6, 2:11-12).

## II. God's FORGIVENESS of His children

(Psalm 130:3-4; cp. I John. 1:9)

## III. God's FORTITUDE in His Children

(Proverbs 24:15; cp. Micah 7:8)

The Example of Peter:

A. The Fall of Peter

Peter's slide to denial was due to his:

1) Pride (Lk. 22:31-34)
2) Prayerlessness (Lk. 22:45-46)
3) Panic (fear of man) (Lk. 22:54-61)

B. The Forgiveness of Peter (Lk. 22:62, 32)

C. The Future Christ gave to Peter (Jn. 21:15-17)

"God is in the business of rebuilding, repairing, remaking, and restoring defeated and broken lives caused by sin." Reg Dunlap