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Presumption or Faith

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(1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

PRESUMPTION OR FAITH
“DO NOT PUT THE LORD TO A FOOLISH TEST”

(Mathew 4:1-7 NIV) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. (2)After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (3)The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." (4)Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (5)Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. (6)"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (7)Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

PRESUMPTION - When we come up with a plan and ask God to implement it.

FAITH - When God comes up with a plan and asks us to implement it.

(Deutoronomy 6:16 NIV) Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.

THE QUESTION: WHO'S SERVING WHO?

PRESUMPTION forces **GOD** to a position where He is subservient to **US**.

FAITH forces **US** into a position where we are subservient to **GOD**.

(Revelations 4:11KJV) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created

(Judges 16:20-22 NIV) Then she called, "Samson, the Philistines are upon you!" He awoke from his sleep and thought, "I'll go out as before and shake myself free." But he did not know that the LORD had left him. (21) Then the Philistines seized him, gouged out his eyes and took him down to Gaza. Binding him with bronze shackles, they set him to grinding in the prison. (22) But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

"When I went to prison and started reading the Bible it became an entirely different book for me. You see all my life I went to the Bible to find promises so I could get God to support my endeavors, I was now reading it as a book where God was asking me to support his endeavors." **Jim Baker**

ESCAPING PRESUMPTION IN ONE PIECE
PETER'S STORY

(John 18:17-18, 25-27 NIV) "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" the girl at the door asked Peter. He replied, "I am not." (18) It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. (25) As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." (26) One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" (27) Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

"The Difference between average men and high achievers is how they handle failure. High achievers fail forward."

1. MISERY - learn from your pain

(Psalm 119:67, 71 NIV) Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. (71) It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

a. Peter learned the importance of being SPIRITUALLY INTENTIONAL.

(Luke 22:45 NIV) When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

b. Peter learned the importance of following CLOSELY.

(Mark 14:53-54 NIV) They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. (54) Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

c. Peter learned not to overestimate his STRENGTH.

(1 Corinthians 10:11b-12 MSG) And we are just as capable of messing it up as they were. Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

2. MERCY - when God gives us another chance.

a. The call to START over.

(John 21:6 NIV) He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

b. The CHARCOAL fire.

(John 21:9 NIV) When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

c. The CHARGES cancelled.

(John 21:15 NIV) When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

(Colossians 2:14 NLT) He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

3. MASTER - when we surrender to Christ's Lordship.

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(John 21:17 NIV) The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

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