

## **Imago Dei**

### **Part V; June 20, 2010**

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**God knows the obstacles that come with obedience...they are our defining moments!**

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**Don't let a moment of sinking faith keep you from getting up and walking on!**

“The godly may trip seven times, **but they will get up again.**”

– Proverbs 24:16 (NLT)

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. **And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.**" But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

– Luke 22:31-34 (NIV)

**"Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill**

**Your “baby step” may leave more of an imprint than you know!**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: **It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

– Isaiah 55:10-11 (NIV)

**God is not only calling you forward;  
He'll be there to help you forward!**

“You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall...**You give me your shield of victory, and your right hand sustains me; YOU STOOP DOWN TO MAKE ME GREAT.**”

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