

Homeward Bound: Spiritual Distancing

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“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of 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.” “It is written: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in Me. Yes, what is written about Me is reaching its fulfillment.”

Luke 22:31-34, 37 (NIV)

Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Romans 2:4 (NIV)

Here is where we Christians part company decisively with our modern culture. Our modern culture says ignore your self-doubts, feel only positive thoughts about yourself. But I say the opposite. Pay attention to all those lurking doubts. Listen closely to all that nagging discontent. It's important to find yourself, sure. But those who want the last in their lives to be the best must face the worst at the first. It is only in giving of ourselves that we can ever go beyond ourselves to find ourselves. - “Hope has its Reasons” by Becky Pippert

Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness... are all fleabites in comparison... Pride leads to every other vice. - CS Lewis