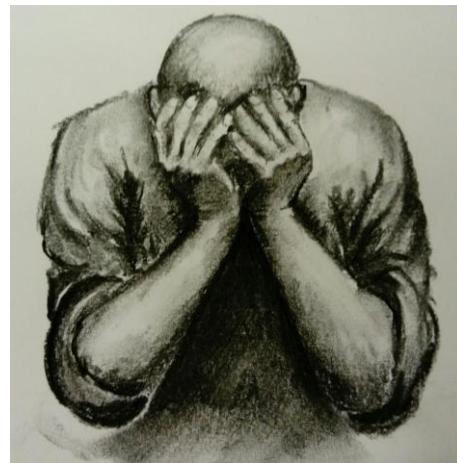


## **DON'T WALLOW IN IT!!**



*“Man, I messed up again!”*

*“I just can’t seem to do anything right!”*

*“I’m hopeless!”*

Okay, okay, so you’re a mess.

**Don’t wallow in it!**

Satan loves to rub it in.

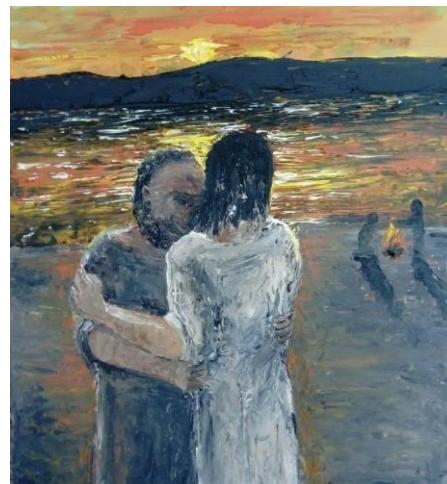
**The powers of darkness love to load us with regret and self-loathing.**

**Anything to keep us tangled up in self.**

**Anything to keep us fascinated by our depravity.**

And all the while the Spirit of God is saying to us, *“Get over yourself and repent!”*

Like Jesus dealt with Peter...



**...When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these (fish)?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him,

**"Feed my lambs."**

**A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"** He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him,

**"Tend my sheep."**

**He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"** Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him,

**"Feed my sheep."**

*John 21*



**Prayer:** Yes, Lord help us to stop wallowing in our weaknesses, so focused on our sins, shortcomings, and failures that we forget our love for you and your call to us to lay down our distraction with ourselves and to tend to your sheep. Forgive us, give us the vision, the love, the drive, and the hearts to rise up and do all you ask of us. Amen.

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