

Looking at failure through the eyes of Jesus  
Luke 22:31-71

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

-Abraham Lincoln

“A failure is a man who has blundered but is not capable of cashing in on the experience.”

1. Looking at Failure – Luke 22:31-71

1.1. Jesus tells Peter he is going to \_\_\_\_\_ – vss. 31, 32

Peter’s courage failed, his pride failed, his self-conscious life failed, but not his faith.

Even our failures cannot thwart the will of God in our lives.

1.2. The Self-Inflicted \_\_\_\_\_ of Peter – vss. 33-63

1.2.1. Self-\_\_\_\_\_ – I will not fail in this area!

1.2.2. Self-confidence – Don’t worry, I got this

1.2.3. Self-\_\_\_\_\_ – I can make this happen

1.2.4. Self-contained

– I can do this on my own and sat down with the wrong crowd

1.2.5. Self-\_\_\_\_\_ – Reverted to old habits

1.2.6. Self-\_\_\_\_\_ – Denial

1.2.6.1. Servant Girl at the door – John 18:15-17

Asked because of association    People

1.2.6.2. Second Servant Girl – John 18:26,27

Asked because of area                    \_\_\_\_\_

1.2.6.3. Guards around the fire

Asked because of speech                Pattern of Speech

61            Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter.

## 2. Through the eyes of Jesus – John 21:15-19

Peter's restorative surgery begins....

Note how Jesus addressed Peter.

"Simon, son of John."

He reverted back to his former name.

Jesus met him where he was.... not where he thought he was.

Jesus asks him the same question 3 times.

Once for each time Peter denied the Lord.

### 2.1. "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" – vs. 15

2.1.1. Jesus' Question: Do you \_\_\_\_\_ me?

Isn't that the question to ask when we as believer's sin?

When we sin, we declare that there is something or someone that we love other than Jesus.

2.1.2. Peter's Answer: I \_\_\_\_\_ you. You know that.

Agapao – A deliberate choice to sacrificially and unconditionally give with total commitment.

Phileo – Great \_\_\_\_\_ and passion for another.

Note the phrase – "more than these?"

This must have really cut to the core in Peter.

2.1.3. Jesus' Response: take care of - boskō

### 2.2. A second time He asked him, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" – vs. 16

2.2.1. Jesus' Question: Do you agapao me?

2.2.2. Peter's Answer: I phileo you.

2.2.3. Jesus' Response: \_\_\_\_\_, lead and protect - poimainō my sheep.

### 2.3. He asked him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" – vs. 17

2.3.1. Jesus' Question: Do you phileo me?

2.3.2. Peter's Answer: You know everything. I yield to you, Lord.

### 2.3.3. Jesus' Response: take care of – boskō - of my sheep.

God did not require Peter to get to agapao in order to give him ministry. He required \_\_\_\_\_ selflessness.

### 2.4. A Word of “Encouragement”? vss. 18,19

For Peter, this was encouragement. He was going to get another chance, and this time, he would not fail.

Application:

Satan will tell us that we are finished, that our future has been destroyed, and that there is not hope.

But that is not God's message to us. It wasn't the end for Peter!

Jesus shows us how he can transform a failure into a rock of strength for His glory. The church of Jesus Christ is a fellowship of forgiven failures.

So, how do you want to look at it?

Through your eyes or through the eyes of our Savior?

How to get through failure:

1. When I fail, find someone to speak truth into my life.
2. Stop living the self-hyphenated words.
3. Repent                               – change my thinking               – I hate my sin
4. Humble myself               – change my heart               – I desire to worship God
5. Believe                               - God's plan and value of you are not based upon your success or failure but on His grace.

Peter's failure did not define him.

He allowed our Savior to do painful surgery in his life and found healing.

When Jesus died on the cross he completely paid for the sin of Peter's denial.

He was not Peter “The Denier” but Peter “The Forgiven.”

(Put your name here) \_\_\_\_\_ was once “the \_\_\_\_\_” but now Jesus made me (your name) \_\_\_\_\_ “the forgiven.”