

2. Peter's Type A personality was both a strength and a weakness as he sought to follow Christ. He could be bold and decisive or impulsive and prideful. Sometimes both sides revealed themselves in a single experience! Describe how the following experiences in Peter's life show the strength and weakness of his personality.

Matthew 16:13-23 – Peter walks on water

Matthew 17:1-8 – The Transfiguration

*How do your strengths affect your walk with God?
How do your weaknesses affect your walk with God?
What changes is God leading you to make?*

3. Jesus specializes in redeeming people and situations!
How is that seen in the following passages of Scripture?

John 8:1-11 - Woman caught in adultery

Matthew 9:9-13 - The call of Matthew the tax collector

4. Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?"
*How would you answer this question?
How does your life reflect the validity of your answer?*

What other things or people compete with God for your love & devotion?

How can you seek to love and follow Jesus more fully in your life?



Peter: Failures Redeemed; Life & Call Restored

John 21:1-19

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All of us who are growing as devoted followers of Christ still experience times of failure. Times when we give in to our self-centeredness and human desires and impulses instead of loving God and following Him in loving obedience. However, as we see in the life of Peter and the other Apostles, Jesus desires to redeem our failures and restore our lives and our call to know and follow Him. It starts with our decision to repent from our sin instead of just regretting our sin. Then Jesus does His redeeming and restoring work as we experience the Destiny He has for us!

REPENTANCE VERSUS REGRETTING

Regretting: Focuses on ourselves and the consequences of our actions. Often leads either to defensiveness or defeatedness.

Repentance: Focuses on God and our relationship with Him. We take ownership of our sin, confess it and determine that by God's grace we will change course and honor Him with our obedience.

HOW PETER GOT TO JOHN 21

John 13:6-11; Luke 22:31-34; Luke 22:54-62; Mark 16:7; Luke 24:33-34; John 20:19-29; Matt. 28:10, 16; Mark 14:26-28; 16:7

RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO MOVE FROM SELF TO JESUS JOHN 21:1-8

LET JESUS MINISTER TO YOU JOHN 21:9-14

LET JESUS REDEEM AND RESTORE YOU JOHN 21:15-19

FOLLOW JESUS AND HIS PURPOSE FOR YOU JOHN 21: 19-22

WRAP IT UP

TIP Sheet (Take It Personal)

Use the questions below to aid you in making personal application of your study in the Word.

1. David wrote Psalm 51 in response to his sins of adultery, deceit, and murder with Bathsheba and her husband Uriah. It is one of the clearest descriptions of true repentance found in the Bible. If it has been awhile since you read this story refresh your memory by reading 2 Samuel 11 and 12. Then after reading Psalm 51, answer the following questions:

As you read verses 1-9, how does David express ownership of his sin and focus on God and his relationship with God?

Now read verses 10-15. How does David express a determination to change course and honor God with loving obedience?

What part does God and His grace play in this change?

Finally, read verses 16-17. Verse 16 describes worship in David's day. How might we rewrite this verse so it reflects our worship experience on Sunday mornings?

Why do you think God wants us to experience brokenness and humility before entering into worship?

Take a few moments to ask God to reveal any area of your life or specific sin He wants you to repent of, and then pray this Psalm back to Him.