

Peter & Judas

Face to Face | Week 5

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Scriptures: Matthew 26–27; Luke 22; John 13; 21; Zechariah 11

Main Idea: Failure does not determine our future – our response to Jesus does.

Two Disciples

- Personally chosen by Jesus
- Part of the Twelve
- Witnessed miracles
- Participated in ministry
- Had close access to Jesus

Two Failures

Judas – Betrayal (Matthew 26:14–16)

- “Satan entered into him...” (John 27).
- Sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (see Exodus 21:32)
- Premeditated betrayal

Peter – Denial (Matthew 26:73–75)

- Satan asks to “sift like wheat” (see Amos 9:9)
- Denied Jesus three times
- Acted out of fear

Two Responses to Failure

Judas – Worldly Grief

(Matthew 27:3–5)

- Felt remorse
- Tried to fix it himself
- Isolated → Despair → Death

Peter – Godly Grief

(Luke 22:61–62)

- Wept bitterly
- Stayed with the disciples
- Eventually returned to Jesus

Worldly Grief vs Godly Grief (2 Corinthians 7:10)

Worldly Grief	Godly Grief
Self-focused	God-focused
"I feel bad"	"I have sinned against God"
Leads to despair	Leads to repentance
Justifies why or explains sin away	Owens sin and makes no excuses
Leads to death	Leads to life

One Restored

Jesus Restores Peter (John 21:15–17)

- 3 denials → 3 affirmations
- "Do you love me?"
- "Feed my sheep"

The Key Difference

Not their sin... but their response to their sin.

- Judas → ran *away* from Jesus
- Peter → returned *to* Jesus

Things to Remember

1. Everyone fails

Failure is part of the journey—not the end of it.

2. Remorse is not repentance

- Repentance = change of mind and heart
- Judas changed his mind
- Peter experienced heart transformation

3. Jesus restores repentant sinners

Jesus doesn't just forgive you—**He redeems your story**

Reflection

- Where do you tend to go when you fail?
- Are you dealing with sin through remorse or repentance?
- What would it look like for you to run to Jesus today?

