



MESSAGE REVIEW

Failure is defined as an inability to perform, giving way under stress, a lack of success, falling short, or one who has failed. We all experience failure at some point in our lifetime. But some failures cut so deep, they seem almost unbearable. A closer look at the life of Peter shows us that Jesus still pursues us in our failures. Because Jesus IS resurrection, no failure will ever be too big for Him to overcome. In Him, we have redemption and can walk from failure to freedom.

WARM UP QUESTION

What is your favorite Easter memory?

- 1** **Read Mark 14:29-31**. Describe this scene and imagine it happening as you do. What do you think your own reaction might have been to seeing a resurrected Jesus? What do you think the disciples were doubting in such a seemingly doubt-defying moment?
- 2** **Read John 18:15-18 and 25-27**. Describe the scene in these verses. How does the book of Mark describe Peter's reaction to his denials (look up Mark 14:72)? Have you ever had a moment like this – something you thought you wouldn't come back from – that helps you empathize with what Peter may be feeling?
- 3** **Read John 21:1-6**. When is this scene taking place? How has the all-night fishing expedition probably only added to the dejection Peter is feeling? How does Jesus change this situation for the disciples with one command? Where in your life might you similarly be working without divine guidance?
- 4** **Read John 21:7-17**. As you compare verse 9 to John 18:18, what kind of flashback may Peter be having, standing around a fire again? Talk about all the ways you see Jesus pursuing Peter in this chapter, despite his earlier failures. How has Peter been humbled?
- 5** Why do you think Jesus focuses His questioning on Peter's love for Him first? What work does He have for Peter to still do that will require Peter not to sit in the shame of his failures? End by **reading 1 John 1:8-2:2**. Why is Jesus the only One able to redeem us from our past failures and sins? What is our part?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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