

OVERCOMING FAILURE

For the week of May 17, 2020

John 21:15-22

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Goal:

To overcome failure because of Jesus' redemption.

GET GOING:

- Who is someone that you know that overcame an incredible setback? Or, what is your favorite comeback story? Which part of the comeback inspires you the most?
- What are some common responses to failure that you've seen in the people around you?
- How do you respond to failure? Do you re-engage or disengage? Do you fight for encouragement or sit in discouragement? Do you proactively pursue redeployment or passively sit in confinement? Do you leverage redemption or wallow in shame?

GET GROWING

- Jesus' reaffirmation of Peter's love (John 21:16) comes on the heels of Peter's denial (John 18). Read Matthew 26:69-75. What similarities do you see between your pattern of failure or sin and Peter's failure in Matthew 26 (e.g. Peter's boldface denial of Jesus, Peter's repetitive choosing of his security over Jesus...)?
- "Jesus breathes fresh wind in our sails by giving us words of assurance that communicate our value and importance." What is one verse that gives you assurance and communicates your value and importance to God in the midst of failure?
- Read Exodus 2:11-15. What surprises you most about Moses' failure? Read Exodus 14:15-22. What surprises you most about God's response? What character trait do you think was strengthened inside Moses as he saw God overcome his failure?

- Read Acts 3:1-8. Acts 3 is only one story of how God redeployed and redeems Peter's failure. In what way(s) does God want to redeploy or further deploy you? Who or what is holding you back? (At Highpoint, "deployment" means we are: a) won to worship, b) matured to multiply, c) saved to serve, d) found to find, and e) blessed to invest).

Bonus Challenge

Who is someone that invested in and influenced you to overcome your failure/become the person you are today? Take time this week to text, call, pray for or email them to say "thank you." Or, who is someone in your life that you need to invest and influence to help them see their Kingdom potential, even in the midst of failure? Take time this week to text, call or email them to begin that intentional relationship.

Memory Verse

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

