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**The Tale of Two Disciples**

Matthew 26:69-75; 27:1-10

**Key Truth:** Failure can lead to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but shame should lead us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of faith.

**Peter’s Learns A Hard Lesson:**

1. Peter failed because he was trying to serve Jesus in his own

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 26:33, Luke 22:31

2. Peter didn’t want to deal with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of being

 associated with Jesus.

3. Peter’s bitter weeping revealed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he felt for

 what he had done.

4. Peter’s story ended with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. John 21:15-19

**Judas’ Betrayal Ends Tragically:**

1. Judas had no change of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of

 remorse.

2. Judas could no longer live with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his betrayal.

3. Judas’ story ended with the fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 Matthew 26:24, ACTS 1:24-26

**What We Learn:**

1. Jesus is not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by your failures and weaknesses.

 Matthew 26:34

2. The church must be the opposite of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that exist in our society. 1 Timothy 1:12-17

3. We have all failed God; therefore, we all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for

 forgiveness. Romans 3:23-24

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Don’t run from Jesus in your failure, run to Jesus with your failures and find forgiveness. Help others find forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

When was a time you made a poor decision because of fear?

In what ways did this fear cause you to wander from the Lord and/or cause you shame?

How has the church helped in your endeavor to make faith-based decisions, rather than fear-based decisions?

Read Matthew 26:30-35: What mistakes did Peter make in his response to the Lord?

When was a time when you failed to heed the Lord’s warning? What were the consequences?

What keeps you from heeding the warnings of the Lord (e.g. pride, doubt, etc.)?

Read Luke 22:31: What do you think Satan’s ultimate goal of sifting Peter was?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-11: What instructions does Peter give for resisting the Devil? Why is humility the winning strategy for victory?