An Evening with Jesus Discussion Guide Lesson 2 - When Failure and Grace Collide (March 10, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share a vehicular collision you have experienced.

Dive Deeper:

- 1. Read John 13:31-38. What did Peter tell Jesus in verse 37? How was Peter's bold self-confidence corrected by Jesus in verse 38?
- 2. What does Paul warn against in Romans 12:3? Share a time in your life when your pride caused you to stumble. Why is pride so difficult to manage?
- 3. Read Luke 22:54-62 and discuss Peter's level of self-confidence in verse 54. Why did Peter flip from being overly confident to denying Jesus? Share your similar experience of denying Jesus in word or action in the heat of the moment.
- 4. Read Luke 22:31-34 and John 13:36. Discuss the comforting promise Jesus gave Peter *before* his denial. What hope does this offer you knowing that Peter's denial would not jeopardize Jesus' promise? What do these verses, along with Mark 16:5-7, say about Jesus' amazing grace regarding Peter's denial?
- 5. According to John 21:12-17, what is the significance of Jesus asking Peter, "Do you love me?" three times? Why was Peter asked to feed Jesus' sheep?
- 6. How can we be certain by the account of Acts 2:36-41 that grace collided with Peter's failure? Share how Jesus' grace has helped you to overcome your past failure, get back on your feet, and use this experience for his glory.

Encouragement: Peter's life is an uplifting testament that Jesus redeems sinners and restores fallen believers to proclaim His name again.

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?

"Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off."

Max Lucado