

# The God of Second Chances – Peter’s Story

Key Passage: John 21:15-19

## Reflect

- What stood out to you in the service today?
- What do you feel God spoke to your heart about today from His Word?

## Review

- **Main Idea:** *When you fail (and you will), God’s purpose in your failure is to bring His name glory through your increased humility.*

- **Introduction**

- Why do you think the Bible includes so many stories of men and women who need second chances? How does that make you feel to see that God’s greatest people are so flawed?
- Have you ever been in a situation, where you really got put in your place? What did you learn from that experience?
- What are some ways you tend to respond to failure in your own life? In the lives of others?

### 1. Jesus Set Peter up for Success

- a. How has God set you up for success?
- b. What has God been doing to grow your faith in Him?

### 2. Peter’s Pride Produced Problems

- a. *Read Romans 7:21 and 24.* How does this verse relate to failure in the life of a Christian?
- b. What are some indicators of pride in a person’s life? Do you see some of those signs in your own life?
- c. *Read Proverbs 16:18.* Why is pride a big deal? Why is it so insidious (*proceeding in a gradual, subtle way, but with harmful effects*)?
- d. Have you ever warned someone about their pride? Why/Why not?
- e. What matters more? Your words, or the intention with which you speak the words?
- f. *Read Luke 6:45.* Where does the urge to speak come from? Where do our words originate?
- g. *Luke 22:61-62.* Do you think Peter was surprised by his own denial of Jesus? Why/why not? Have you been surprised by your own failures? How did you respond?

### 3. Peter’s Failure Produced the Fruit of Humility

- a. If you had never heard this story before, how would you expect Jesus to respond to Peter’s three denials? What do you think of Jesus’ actual response in John 21:15-19?
- b. What was Jesus trying to communicate to Peter in repeating the question “Lovest thou me?”
- c. Do you love Jesus? Why do you think this question is important for a person to consider?
- d. Respond to this statement: When you think you are something, God’s goal is to bring you down to a place where you realize “I am nothing, and God is everything.”

## Apply

- What is one thing from today’s message you can apply to your life?
- Who can you reach out to and invite to this Jonah series next Sunday and to Life Group? \_\_\_\_\_

### Verses used from Sunday Morning’s Sermon:

John 18:1-27; Isaiah 64:6; James 4:6; John 6:35; John 8:57-58; John 10:17-18; John 11:25-26; John 14:6; John 15:5; John 6:68; Matthew 14:28-31; John 13:6-9; Matthew 16:16-23; Romans 7:21-24; Proverbs 16:18; Luke 6:45; Matthew 26:72; Luke 22:61-62; John 13:37-38; 1 Corinthians 10:12; Job 12:10; John 21:15-17; Mark 12:30; Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 John 1:9; Matthew 9:13; 1 Peter 5:6; James 5:16; Galatians 6:3; Romans 10:9-10