



## The Struggle is Real

John 18:1-11, 15-18, 25-27 (NIV)

### The Similarities of Peter and Judas.

- They were part of the CHOSEN twelve.
- They were both LEADERS.
- They both BETRAYED Jesus.

**Judas – Mark 14:43-45 (NIV)** <sup>43</sup>Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."<sup>45</sup> Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

**Peter – Mark 14:71-72a,b. (NIV)** <sup>71</sup>He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."<sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times."

- They both had a CHOICE.
- They both felt REMORSE.

**Judas – Matthew 27:3-4 (NIV)** <sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.<sup>4</sup> "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

**Peter – Mark 14:72c (NIV)** And he broke down and wept.

### Our Positive Response to Grace is Crucial!

**John 21:4-9 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup>Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.<sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered.<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer

garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.<sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.<sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

- The difference between remorse and REPENTANCE.
- Sometimes we think that sin defines us. It does not!
- IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD, THEN GOD'S NOT DONE.

"If your mind is lost in the past you will lose your future." -- Erwin McManus

### Additional Notes..

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### scriptures that relate

Monday: Mark11	Wednesday: Mark13	Friday: Mark15
Tuesday: Mark12	Thursday: Mark14	Saturday: Mark16

### small groups—talk it over

1. How has saying "no" to Jesus affected you in the past?
2. How can we make better choices when it comes to pleasing God?
3. How should we respond to God's grace?
4. What does repentance mean?
5. What is the best way to handle failure?

### pastor brian's prayer requests

**Monday:** Pray for Pastor Lesley as she leads our Children's Ministry.

**Tuesday:** Pray for Pastor Mark as he leads the Young Adult Ministry.

**Wednesday:** Pray for Pastor Jamie as he leads our Student Ministry.

**Thursday:** Pray for all of our church volunteers. I am so thankful for all of them!

**Friday:** Pray for Pastor David as he leads the Pastoral Care Ministry.

**Saturday:** Pray for Nikki and Pastor Nate as they lead Worship this weekend.