

Welcome to Grace

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Happy Sunday!

Let's Get Real: Failure

Matthew 26 & John 21 | Pastor Tim Meier

Failure can trip you up when the desire to prove yourself drives you.

Matthew 26:30–35

- Peter wanted to be faithful, but he was trying to prove himself
- His confidence was rooted in his ability, not surrender to Jesus
- When life got hard, his self-driven faith couldn't hold up

Our desire to "matter" can be met with surrender to Jesus

Where am I trying to prove myself instead of surrendering to God?

Failure can trip you up when the desire to protect your image drives you.

Matthew 26:69–75

- Peter knew Jesus, but denied Him to protect himself
- The opinions of strangers outweighed his commitment to Christ
- When image matters most, we drift from what matters most

You can gain approval from people and still miss what God is doing.

Whose approval is shaping my decisions right now?

Failure isn't final when it meets the grace of Jesus

John 21:15–19

- Jesus meets Peter in his failure, not to shame him, but restore him.
- The same place Peter failed becomes the place Jesus reframes his calling.
- Weakness isn't the end, it's the doorway to trust.

Your failure doesn't disqualify you. God's grace redefines you.

What do we do?

- Be honest about our failure
- Re-center our lives on Jesus, not ourselves
- Say "yes" to following Him again

What would it look like for me to trust Jesus again in this area?