

“Responding to Failure”

Example of Judas and Peter

John 13:21-38

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When we fail, realize God desires...

1. To expose our hearts. (John 13:21-30, 12:4-6)

“...our biggest, most abiding, most life-shaping problem exists inside of us and not outside of us. What we actually need to be rescued from is us. What needs to be transformed in our lives is not so much our situation and relationships (although they need transformation as well). What really needs to be transformed are our hearts.”

Paul David Tripp, *Whiter than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy*, Crossway Books, Wheaton, Illinois, 2008, p. 114.

2. To expose our pride. (John 13:31-38)

“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Proverbs 16:18

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” -Jesus

Matthew 23:12

3. For us to experience His forgiveness and love. (John 21:15-17)

4. To equip us for service. (John 21:15-17)

“If you want God to bless you and use you greatly, you must be willing to walk with a limp the rest of your life, because God uses weak people.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2002, p. 278.