

Lies We Tell

I'm a Failure (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

My value isn't found in my performance, it is found in Jesus' pursuit of me.

Key Scriptures

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 ESV

Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" John 13:8-9

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward." Peter said to him, "Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times. John 13:36-38

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus... That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. John 21:3-4, 7-8

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. John 21:15-17

If my value is found in my performance, I will stress myself out and sit on the sidelines when I don't measure up to the impossible standard I've set.

Jesus redeems us from our darkest sins and deepest failures.

Jesus rescues us from the hamster wheel of finding our value in our failed performance.

Jesus rehabilitates us so that we can live like him and for him.

How should we respond?

- 1. Embrace your weakness.**
- 2. Face the reality of your failure with Jesus and others.**
- 3. Stop comparing. Start following and obeying.**

Start talking.

- Are there any white lies that you tell yourself?
- Are there any white lies you tell other people?

Start thinking.

- Galatians 5:1 says, "For freedom Christ has set us free." Ryan mentioned we are free from sin, selfishness, shame, and the lies of the enemy. Why are these battles still so hard for us if we're free?
- Read John 13: 8-9, 36-38. Why are human beings so prone towards overconfidence? Why do we often feel like we have to be the best?
- Read John 21:1-17. Why can't Jesus just pretend like Peter didn't do anything wrong? Why did he have to confront Peter's sin in such a direct way?

Start sharing.

- How do you struggle with the lie that "I'm a failure?" What's the message you tell yourself?
- How does facing the reality of our failure with the grace of Jesus and with others help us overcome the pain of failure and the shackles of comparison?
- Have you ever experienced grace-filled freedom when you confessed a sinful struggle or lie from the enemy to someone else?
- Of Ryan's 3 action steps, which is the hardest for you and why?

Start doing.

- What would it look like for you to embrace weakness and face reality this week?
- In what ways do you struggle with comparison? How could you take steps towards turning your attention to Jesus this week?