

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER:

Jesus,

Thank You for not giving up on me. Thank You that my failures, wounds, and past do not have the final word over my life. You have met me with grace, You have forgiven me, You have restored me, and You have brought me out of shame and into freedom. Now show me how You want to use what You have done in me. Redeem every part of my story for Your purpose. Help me recognize the people around me who need the same grace, hope, and encouragement You have given me. Give me the courage to strengthen others instead of allowing shame to silence me. Let the work You have done in me become something You can do through me.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE:

Read Luke 22:31–32 and 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 each morning this week. Then ask yourself: “Who can I strengthen because of what God has done in me?”

Choose one person. Reach out. Encourage them. Pray with them. Share what God has taught you and don't allow shame to silence a testimony that God may want to use. Your story is not just about where you have been. Ask God how He wants to use it for where you are going.

**Week 8 – From Shame to Purpose****Luke 22:31–32****John 21:15–17****Acts 2:14–21****BIG IDEA:**

God's work in us was never meant to stop with us. Shame tells us that our failures, wounds, and past have disqualified us. But Jesus does more than forgive us and restore us. He gives purpose to the life He has restored. What shame tried to use to silence us, God can redeem and use to strengthen someone else.

KEY TRUTHS FROM THIS WEEK

- Shame tries to convince us that our past has disqualified us from our future.
- Jesus knew Peter would fail before Peter ever failed, and He still saw purpose in him.
- Failure did not cancel Peter's calling.
- Jesus did not just restore Peter. He recommissioned him.
- God can use the places where we have received grace to help us extend grace to others.
- What God has brought us through can become part of how we strengthen someone else.
- Wholeness was never meant to stop with us.
- Our story does not have to end with what happened to us. God can redeem it for His purpose.

SCRIPTURES TO REMEMBER

- Luke 22:31–32
- John 21:15–17
- 2 Corinthians 1:3–4
- Acts 2:14–21

PERSONAL REFLECTION

Where have I allowed shame to convince me that something in my past has disqualified me?

Who might God want to strengthen through what He has done in my life?

FROM SHAME TO PURPOSE

Shame says: "My story disqualifies me."

God says: "I can still use your life."

Shame says: "What happened should stay hidden."

God says: "I can redeem what you have walked through."

Shame says: "You have nothing to offer anyone else."

God says: "When you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

WHAT HAS GOD DONE IN ME?

One area where God has brought healing, restoration, forgiveness or freedom:

What have I learned about God through that experience?

How could God use what He has taught me to help someone else?
