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2. "That'll never happen to me." Do you struggle with pride or feeling invincible? What's the harm? How might we cultivate better self-awareness, humility and proper perspective.
3. Losing intimacy with Jesus is often a precursor to failure. How would you describe your intimacy with Jesus and why?
4. What are some unhealthy coping mechanisms you tend to run to after failure. Did they prove helpful or harmful? Why so?
5. Jesus performed a miracle with a message for Peter. How have you seen God use your circumstances to speak to you or reveal something about Himself?
6. Peter's response to Jesus' call was imperfect but sincere. Why do you think Jesus values sincerity over external piety?
7. Jesus dealt with Peter's sin to heal, not hurt. Does this change your perspective on God's discipline? How should this shape our approach to confession and repentance?
8. In what ways do you need to experience Jesus' healing from shame or failure right now? Take time to pray for one another.
9. Jesus redeemed Peter's regrets and gave him a renewed purpose. How might God want to use your past failures or pain as part of your testimony to help others?
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