

FREEDOM- REFRAME YOUR SHAME

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

Shame can be a prison or a platform. It's our choice.

PETER'S PERSPECTIVE:

"Peter, my dear friend, listen to what I'm about to tell you. Satan has obtained permission to come and sift you all like wheat and test your faith. But I have prayed for you, Peter, that you would stay faithful to me no matter what comes. Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers." "But Lord", Peter replied, "I am ready to stand with you to the very end, even if it means prison or death!"

Jesus looked at him and said, "Before the rooster crows in the morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

Luke 22:31-34

In verses 54-62, we read the rest of the story- Peter did, in fact, deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed.

But Peter was adamant. "Listen, I don't know what you're talking about. Don't you understand? I don't even know him." While the words were still in his mouth, the rooster crowed. At that moment, the Lord, who was being led through the courtyard by his captors, turned around and gazed at Peter. All at once Peter remembered the words Jesus had said over him...Peter went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22: 60-61 & 62

Peter saw his own fear, shortcomings and failures.

OBJECT LESSON- use the charcoal to make three marks on the page- one each time he denies Jesus

In verse 61, Jesus, being held captive, gazes at Peter as Peter is denying Him. What look do you see in Jesus eyes? Is it anger? Is it loathing? Is it disappointment?

However you imagine that look in Jesus eyes will determine how you see your own shame.

What if it was a look of grace, of love, of truth that leads to freedom?

THROUGH JESUS' PERSPECTIVE:

-Jesus made a way before the shame ever took place.

But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there."

Matthew 26:32

-He spoke to the fact that we will mess up, but He's gone ahead of us
-He speaks to relationship- I will meet you there- He doesn't leave us in shame-
He calls out to restored relationship

-Jesus always applies the frame of redemption.

Now go and tell his disciples, and especially Peter, that he will go ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you."

Mark 16:7

-He had risen. Peter had denied him. He sent a message- especially Peter
-He tells Peter- I did it! I redeemed you! You're not too far gone. Your shame
can't stand between us anymore. I handled it.

-Jesus always calls out purpose.

John 21- Disciples went fishing- Jesus appeared on the shores of the sea of galilee/ told them how to catch more fish/ then they recognized it was Jesus/ Peter couldn't wait to get to Jesus, so he dove into the water and swam ashore/ then this conversation happens

Ask him 3 times- do you love me?

Peter answers yes

Jesus says- feed my lambs, shepherd my sheep, feed my sheep

BEFORE Peter denied Jesus, Jesus handed him the same purpose:

"...and when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22: 31

His purpose was not changed by his sin.

OBJECT LESSON: Use the charcoal to "finish" the story of grace

Prayer that your faith will not fail- reframe the shame- failure is giving up- Peter's faith didn't fail. He just fell down.

When He saw Jesus- he went running to Him- he had faith- he may have fallen, but he got back up and ran again- Jesus made a soft place for him to land when he fell

SO WHAT:

Reframe my shame by seeing through Jesus' perspective.

- 1. He already made a way out.**
- 2. He sees me through the eyes of redemption.**
- 3. He brings purpose out of my pain.**

JUST. DON'T. QUIT.

Response:

-Meet Jesus

-What shame am I letting imprison me? Give it to Jesus today so it can be reframed.

-He is worthy of it all- even the painful parts. His worth outweighs my shame every single time.