(re)focus-Part 3 Beck Payne-Associate Pastor September 15th, 2021

#1 There are many different things in life and in this world that will fight to take our focus off of Christ.

#2 One of the hardest things to recover from and regain our refocus is when we fail.

#3 There are times in our lives where we will fail Christ, His Church, and other people.

Lessons Learned from the Apostle Peter on (re) focusing After Failure

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-20 (NLT)

#1 When Christ calls us He sees in us what others may not.

Scripture: Matthew 10:1-8 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 17:1-4 (NLT)

#2 When Christ calls us He is fully aware of our humanity, sinfulness, and future failures.

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-30 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 26:36-41 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 26:55-56; 58 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75 (NLT)

#3 Failure may be a part of your story, but it doesn't have to be the end of it.

- Just because you've failed that doesn't make you a failure.
- If you'll allow it, failure doesn't have to define you, but refine you!

#4 Christ knew there would be times we failed, even when He first called us to follow!

Scripture: Luke 22:31-37 (NLT) Scripture: Matthew 28:7; Mark 16:7 (NLT)

Scripture: John 21:1-19 (NLT)

In order to (re)focus from failure we must...

- receive the mercy, grace, and forgiveness of God.
- refocus on Christ and His mission for our lives.
- receive and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.

When we refocus after failure, we will recover from it!

Scripture: Acts 2:36-41 (NLT)