

The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

LIFE OVER LIES – LESSON 8

CHOOSING LIFE WHEN YOU'VE DONE THE WORST

LUKE 22:31-34, 54-62, MARK 16:5-7 (KJV)

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

How Do You Choose Life When You've Failed God and Can't Find Compassion From Others?

“Proximity to Jesus is no guarantee of protection against suicidal thoughts and suicidal actions” – Bishop Alexander

- A Case Study of Judas



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TIME STAMP: **0:01 – 2:27**

BISHOP OPENS WITH SCRIPTURE READING

Peter denied Jesus three times—the worst moment of his life. Judas betrayed Jesus and took his own life. Both did terrible things. So why did Peter choose life while Judas chose death?

Two Factors

FOCUS – what
we fix our
attention on

FELLOWSHIP –
who we
surround
ourselves with

Common Lies After Failure

- "You've gone too far this time"
- "You're a hypocrite—you can never serve God again"
- "Jesus will never forgive this"
- "You might as well give up"
- "Your worst moment defines you forever"



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TIME STAMP: **7:00 – 11:52**

SUMMARY: JESUS' WORDS BEFORE THE WORST

WHEN not IF...

- ▶ **What if Jesus already prayed for you?**
- ▶ **What if He's already seen your restoration?**
- ▶ **What if your worst moment isn't the end of your story?**

Choosing life means focusing on what
God said BEFORE your worst moment
and not what the enemy says AFTER!

God's Grace After the Worst

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

“Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.

But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'” Mark 16:5-7 (NIV)

Reflection...

Get a piece of paper or use your notes app...

1- Write down: 'My worst has produced _____(whatever you're feeling).

2- Write down: 'God's grace provides _____(list them here).

Choosing Connection Over Isolation

- ▶ **“You need to hide out for a while”**
- ▶ **“Don’t tell anyone about this”**
- ▶ **“They will will judge you”**
- ▶ **“They will reject you”**
- ▶ **“You need to handle this alone”**



*You choose life so that you can live long enough
to see your **WHEN** become **NOW**.*

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TIME STAMP: **28:10 – 30:19**

SUMMARY: WRAP UP - A DAY TO FOLLOW THE WORST

Final Declaration

"I choose life today. My worst moment does not define me. God's grace is greater than my failure. I will focus on Jesus' promises and fellowship with His people. I will live long enough to see my WHEN become NOW. In Jesus' name."