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Definition: Regret is a _____, conscious and sometimes emotional reaction to past personal actions.

Regrets are common to all people, but a biblical character that suffered from serious regret was Simon Peter. Peter publicly denied Jesus three separate times in a matter of hours and all four gospels record that most unfortunate action.

Read **Matthew 26:69-74** also **Mark 14:27** and **29-31** (see screen)

Principle: Someone's involuntary response to the unexpected is a more _____ of his personal character than is his pre-planned reaction to a situation that he is anticipating.

There are at least four things we should do about our regrets.

ONE... Determine the true _____ of the regret in question.
That means we should distinguish between mistakes and sins.

Definition: a **mistake** is defined as an _____ error in judgment or a fault resulting from deficient knowledge or carelessness.

Definition: a **sin** is defined as a _____ against divine law.

Reference: **I John 3:4**

In a practical sense, sin is doing what we shouldn't do (sins of _____) or not doing what we should do (sins of _____)!

TWO... Hold ourselves _____ for the thing that caused the regret.

Reference: **Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:5** (see screen)

The word confess is translated from the Greek word "homologeō." "Homologeō" means to say the _____ or to agree with something.

THREE... Seek _____ for the thing that caused the regret.

Definition: **Judicial forgiveness** (positional forgiveness) is transacted _____ someone's salvation and is forgiveness from God acting as a _____. It results in the legal, judicial forgiveness of someone's sins: past, present and future sins.

Reference: **Colossians 2:13; Romans 8:1** (see screen)

Definition: **Parental** (relational) **forgiveness** is transacted _____ someone's salvation (post salvation) and is forgiveness from God acting as a spiritual _____. It results in the forgiveness of those sins that interrupt someone's experiential and relational closeness to God.

Reference: **I John 1:9** (see screen)

FOUR... Remember that people can _____ from regrets.

Example: Simon Peter