

Jesus in Genesis Series

Week 8 outline

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Genesis 35-50, Matthew 26:31-75

Jesus: Our Redeemer

I. Simon Peter (Matthew 26:31-35:)

A. Simon's Story

- Had his name changed TO Peter (meaning Rock)
- Given GREAT purpose and calling
- Given to impulsivity
- Prideful

B. Pride and Sin:

- Pride causes us to overestimate our strengths and underestimate sin's pull
- Sin causes us to: feel guilt and shame, run from the Father, hang up our shoes

Given the right circumstances, I am capable of ANY sin

II. Genesis (not so fun) Recap

- A. Adam and Eve... directly disobeyed God and ate the fruit
- B. Noah and the flood... WHOLE WORLD had gone bad
- C. Abraham - lied, said his wife was his sister and gave her away...
- D. Isaac played favorites, totally botched his relationship with his sons
- E. Jacob - STOLE his brother's birthright,
 - 1. STOLE his brother's blessing,
 - 2. had 12 sons by 4 different wives,
 - 3. 3 of which he didn't really even like,
 - 4. Did NOTHING when his son Reuben slept with one of his other wives,
 - 5. Did NOTHING when his daughter got raped,
 - 6. Did NOTHING when two of his sons wiped out the entire tribe of men who did it

**THIS IS THE FAMILY OF GOD? HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE?
CERTAINLY GOD COULD HAVE FOUND A BETTER GROUP THAN THIS!**

III. God's Plan

- A. So why did God choose them?
- B. BECAUSE IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!
- C. Every story has pointed us to JESUS!
- D. Why does he choose us!?
- E. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 - *"but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise"*

IV. Peter's Denial: (Luke 22:54-55, Matthew 26:69-75)

1. The Failure
 - A. Peter had PROMISED he would die before denying Christ
 - B. A Charcoal Fire (Luke 22)
 - C. Denied Jesus 3 times (Mat 26)
 - D. Rooster Crowed and Peter Wept
2. Our Response
 - A. We Grieve (Recognize it, Repent of it, Grow from it)
 - B. We Let it Out (tell someone, not everyone!)
 - C. We Walk through it in Community (Don't isolate—Look at Peter's LIFEgroup!)

V. Peter's Decision: (John 21:4-8)

1. Familiar Scene
 - A. Jesus taking Peter back to his calling
 - B. Peter reminded of who he STILL is now
2. Peter's Response
 1. Put clothes back on (Logic didn't matter!)
 2. Hurlled himself toward Jesus
 3. Didn't run FROM Jesus, but rather toward him with all he had

WHEN WE FALL, LET US GRIEVE, CONFESS, AND THEN
HURL OURSELVES TOWARD THE LOVE AND MERCY OF OUR FATHER

VI. Peter's Reinstatement: (John 21:12-17)

1. Sin Overcome (1 John 1:8-9)
 - A. No matter the sin, it pails in comparison to the cross.
 - B. Don't Give Up!

Reset, Readjust, Restart, Refocus
as many times as you need to
Don't give up....
Don't give up pursuing Jesus!

- C. Charcoal Fire revisited (John 21:9)
 1. Smells take us back... to the good AND the bad
- D. Jesus walks with us THROUGH the failure and into redemption (John 21:12-17)

Jesus takes our Greatest Mess, and makes it our Message
Jesus takes our Biggest Trial, and turns it into our Testimony
Jesus takes our Deepest Misery, and turns it into our Ministry!

- E. YOU. ARE. NOT. DONE!
 1. God has a plan for you!
 2. It's time to lace up your shoes and get in the game...
 3. There's work to be done!