

STRENGTHENED BY BROKENNESS

John 18.13-18, 25-27 // September 26, 2021

FOLLOWING JESUS INTO FAILURE

John says that “Peter followed Jesus.” It is interesting, however, that Peter “follows Jesus,” only to deny Him. Peter, who historically has seen himself as someone with “big faith” and strength to follow Christ, now finds himself in a position where he needs to put his money where his mouth is, and he chokes on it.

Matthew 26.31-35 // Luke 22.31-34

**Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.**

Proverbs 16.18

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Peter, however, will eventually follow Jesus. But that wouldn’t just magically happen. It was this particular failure that God would use (along with many others) in order to bring Peter to his knees and teach him dependence, so that God could then build him up into the workmanship that God desired.

Luke 22.59-62 // 2 Corinthians 12.8-10

None of our failures, weaknesses, or struggles are a surprise to God. God intends to use everything that comes into our life to build us to become the vessel that He intends to bring Him glory. It is through these tragedies and failures, even, that we get our strength.

**When we get to our wit’s end,
We learn to depend on the wisdom of God.
When we get to the end of ourselves,
We get to the beginning of Christ.**

SUFFERING DRAWS US NEAR

**Whatever brings you to your knees,
you’ll ultimately see as a gift of God.**

-Britni

When we trust God, we can more easily admit our weaknesses and shortcomings, and they can be like a teacher that teaches us to stay close to our Good Shepherd. Acknowledging our flaws allows us to walk with a limp, fully dependent on the strength of God.

**I love my suffering,
because it brings me closer to Christ.**

-Dad

John 6.67-69

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 18.13-18, 25-27**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

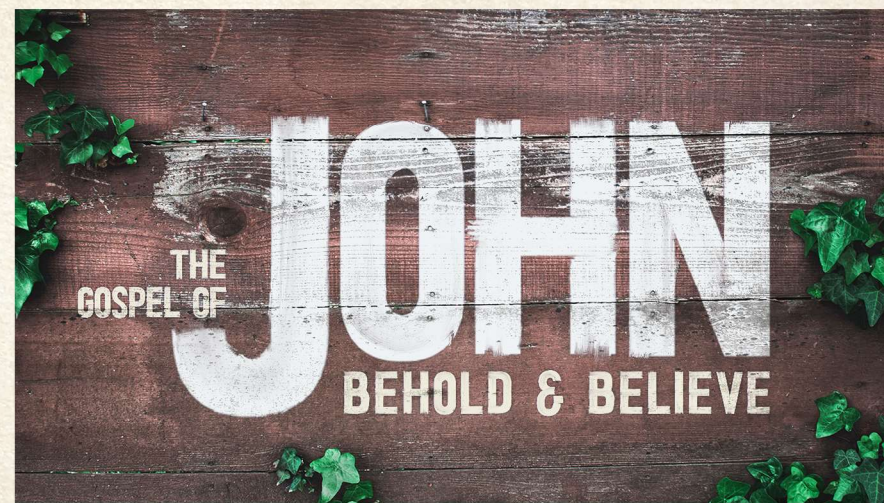
It is natural for us to avoid pain and suffering. But how does the truth of God's power and goodness and love help you go into times of pain and sorrow with faith and peace? What Gospel truths can you preach to yourself to help you walk in faith through storms in your life?

Your Life Mission

With so much sorrow and grief around us, there are huge needs for hope, love, comfort, and compassion. Which relationships are in your life that need the comfort of the Gospel and that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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