FAILURE ISN'T FINAL

The Final Week
April 19, 2026

KEY SCRIPTURE

- Luke 5:1–11
- Matthew 16:13–19
- Luke 22:31–34
- Luke 22:54–62
- John 21

KEY POINTS

- Jesus meets people in the middle of their ordinary lives and calls them despite their brokenness.
- A right response to Jesus begins with recognizing our true condition as sinful and in need of Him.
- Strong intentions and self-confidence are not enough to sustain faith under pressure.
- The enemy ultimately targets our faith, not just our circumstances.
- Following Jesus at a distance leads to compromise and eventual denial.
- Failure often comes in moments of fear, weakness, or misaligned expectations.
- Jesus responds to our failure not with condemnation, but with conviction, love, and pursuit.
- True repentance is marked by deep sorrow that leads us back to God rather than away from Him.
- Jesus intentionally revisits the places of our failure to redeem and restore us.
- Grace does not ignore sin but meets us personally and invites us back into relationship.
- Our past failure does not disqualify us from God's purpose; it becomes part of our testimony.

DISCUSSION

- When you think about Peter's story, where do you see yourself most: his calling, his confidence, his denial, or his restoration? Why?
- What does it look like in real life to "follow Jesus at a distance," and how have you seen that lead to compromise?
- Why do you think Jesus responds to failure with grace and restoration instead of rejection, and how does that challenge your view of Him?
- Can you identify a moment in your life where you felt conviction like Peter did? What was your response, and what did it produce in you?
- In what ways can failure either push someone toward shame or toward repentance, and what makes the difference?
- Where do you sense Jesus is calling you to move forward again instead of staying stuck in past failure?