

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH GUILT???

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PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE

LUKE 22; ROMANS 8:1

We all know what guilt feels like. But when the enemy presents guilt as a part of who we are, how will we respond? Scripture contrasts two men who experienced deep failure, revealing two dramatically different paths and outcomes. What path will we take?

JUDAS'S RESPONSE

Matthew 27:3-6

- **Eyes on Failure:** Satan trapped Judas into taking his eyes off Christ and focusing entirely on his own sin.
- **Believed the Enemy's Lies:** Accepted the accuser's voice: *'You are worthless... God cannot love you... The world is better off without you.'*
- **Overwhelmed by Hopelessness:** Gave in to sadness, anger, fear, and regret rather than bringing his guilt to God.
- **Outcome: Isolation & Despair** — Judas isolated himself from the Savior and chose total condemnation.

PETER'S RESPONSE

John 21:1-19

- **Ran to the Savior:** Peter made every effort to get as close to Jesus as possible, knowing only He takes away shame.
- **Refused Hopelessness:** Recognized that Jesus is victorious over death, guilt, and guilt's power.
- **3-Fold Restoration:** Jesus mercifully met Peter, gave him 3 opportunities to declare his love, and restored him stronger than before.
- **Outcome: Purpose & Renewal** — Jesus gave Peter a new drive for living, a renewed purpose, and restored what was lost (Joel 2:25).

PUTTING THE ACCUSER IN HIS PLACE

1. **Recognize the Enemy's Strategy:** The Bible calls Satan the *accuser*. If you are in Christ, all he can do is point fingers!!
2. **Remind Him of the Cross:** When Satan reminds you of your past, remind him of what happened on the cross—you are no longer bound to sin! (Romans 8:1)
3. **Seek Jesus in Your Guilt:** Don't run away in shame. Bring your failures to the only One who was victorious over death and shame. He will give you new purpose.

WILL YOU CHOOSE CHRIST OR CHOOSE CONDEMNATION?

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