

**Light & Life - The Book Of John**  
**“Finding Mercy In Our Failures” John 21:1-17**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Big Idea:**

To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord & Savior.

**We Can Find Mercy In Our Failures When:**

**1. We Admit We Overestimate Our Strengths**

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to **sift** you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But **I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.** And when you have **turned back**, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup> But he replied, "Lord, **I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.**" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny **three** times that you know me." **Luke 22:31-34 (NIV)**

Then seizing Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a **distance**. <sup>55</sup> But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "*This man was with him.*" <sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "**Woman, I don't know him,**" he said. <sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "*You also are one of them.*" "**Man, I am not!**" Peter replied. <sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, "*Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.*" <sup>60</sup> Peter replied, "**Man, I don't know what you're talking about!**" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> *The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.* Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and **wept bitterly.**  
**Luke 22:54-62 (NIV)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. We Recognize His Grace On Our Journey**

Afterward Jesus appeared **again** to his disciples, by the Sea of Tiberias. It happened this way: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> "**I'm going out to fish,**" Simon Peter told them, and they said, "**We'll go with you.**" So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they **caught nothing.** <sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, **Jesus** stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. **John 21:1-5 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the **large number of fish.** <sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. <sup>9</sup> When they

landed, they saw a **fire** of burning coals there with **fish** on it, and some **bread**.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "**Bring some of the fish you have just caught.**"<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, **153**, but even with so many the **net was not torn**.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "**Come and have breakfast.**" None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the **third time** Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

**John 21:6-14 (NIV)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. We Humble Ourselves And Accept His Mercy**

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly **love** [total commitment] me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I **love** [like a brother] you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." **John 21:15 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly **love** [total commitment] me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** [like a brother] you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." **John 21:16 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love [love me like a brother] me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love [like a brother] you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. **John 21:17 (NIV)**

Jesus said, "But I have **prayed** for you, Simon, **that your faith may not fail**. And when you have **turned back, strengthen your brothers.**" **Luke 22:31b, 32 (NIV)**

God the Father **knew** you and **chose** you long ago, and his Spirit has made you **holy**. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been **cleansed** by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more **grace** and **peace**.<sup>3</sup> All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great **mercy** that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,

**1 Peter 1:2-3 (NLT2)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ **Will you humble yourself and accept His mercy?**

**My next right Step I will:**

- [ ] Accept His mercy for my past and start moving forward in my faith
- [ ] Go public with my faith in Believers Baptism April 14, 2024
- [ ] Share with someone how I am an example of God's Grace & Mercy

**Light And Life: The Gospel Of John**  
**“Finding Mercy In Our Failures” John 21:1-17**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
**Pastor Ed Turley**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Family Corner:** [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Use the “\*” questions to keep it under 12 minutes.]

**Big Idea:** To know Who Jesus is and to place our confident trust in Him as our Lord and Savior.

**Open in Prayer.**

**Icebreaker:**

- ❖ What is something in your childhood that you failed at?

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:31 (NIV) Remember Verse**

What does our remember verse tell you about the purpose of John’s writing?

**We Can Find Mercy In Our Failures When:**

**1. We Admit We Overestimate Our Strengths**

**Luke 22:31-34**

What is Jesus trying to impress on Peter?

Have you ever overestimated your strengths? Explain.

How does it encourage you to know that Jesus prayed for Peter?

Have you ever repeated a failure? What does Jesus want us to do?

## **2. We Recognize His Grace On Our Journey**

### **John 21:6-14**

What activity did these disciples enjoy doing together?

What activity do you enjoy doing with other believers?

How did Jesus demonstrate grace to His disciples?

When Peter realized it was Jesus, what did he do?

What did Jesus prepare for them?

## **3. We Humble Ourselves And Accept His Mercy**

### **John 21:15-21**

How many times did Jesus ask if Peter loved him? Why?

How does bringing everything to the surface help in restoration?

What action step did Jesus ask Peter to do? How is this restorative?

Did Jesus give up on Peter? Does he give up on you?

What is your next right step?

### **1 Peter 1:2-3**

What does Peter teach to the churches about God's grace & mercy?

Close in prayer.