

# **Epic Failures - Where God's People Blew It**

## **Second Chances**

## Introduction

Talk about second chances in life

Introduce Peter

#### **Failure**

Question: Describe a time in your life where you deliberately denied Jesus or his place in your life.

Peter's denial (Luke 22:31-34, 54-62)

Peter, even though he emphatically said he would never deny Jesus, and in fact he said he would die with him, did deny him at the first challenge.

Jesus looked right at him immediately after the third denial.

## Consequence

Question: Describe how that made you feel and how you reacted.

Peter fled and wept bitterly (Luke 22:61-62)

Peter went back to his life before Christ (John 21:2-3)

### Restoration

Question: How did Jesus respond to you and what has your return to him been like?

Jesus already knew Peter would return to him (Luke 22:32b)

Jesus reinstates Peter (John 21:15-19)

## **Conclusion**

We are all going to fail/deny Jesus at one time or another

True repentance and return to Jesus is possible. He always restores.