



YOUR FAILURE IS NOT FINAL

Part 3: Seek Restoration

Sermon Big Idea

Up until this point, we've been taking about the internal work of grieving, reviewing, and owning our portion of our past failures. But restoration is not a one-sided event, it requires that we go and speak to the person that our failures have wounded. In the parable of the lost son, we can see a pattern for how to seek restoration and ask for mercy.

Discussion Questions

1. Shaun shared a 'big fail' moment on Sunday. Have you ever had a big fail moment that was able to be restored? What happened that lead to restoration?
2. Read Luke 15:11-19. What does the son's decision in verses 17 to 19 say about seeking restoration. What is important about his decision to return home?
3. Read Luke 15:20-24. What does the father's response say to us about reconciliation?
4. Why is seeking reconciliation important?
5. Read Deuteronomy 21:18-20. Knowing that this is the Levitical law, why is the father's response so shocking? How do you think the religious leaders listening to Jesus would respond to this part of the parable?
6. Think about a recent moment of failure, which stage are you in? Grieving? Reviewing and Owning? or Seeking restoration? What do you need to do in your current stage before you move to the next?
7. Can you think of a time when someone offered you grace (favour that you did not deserve) or Mercy (withholding a deserved consequence) after something went wrong? Why is it so refreshing to receive Mercy and Grace?
8. What do Mercy and Grace tell us about God's love for us?

Scripture Passages

Luke 15: 1-2, 11-24

Jesus tells a parable about a lost son to explain to the pharisees why he spends time with tax collectors and sinners.

Deuteronomy 21:18-20

Old Testament Law instructing what to do with a stubborn and rebellious son.

How to Seek Restoration

1. Act
2. Say Sorry
3. Ask for Mercy (Not Grace)

Definitions

Mercy is to withhold a punishment that is deserved.

Grace is to give favour that is not deserved.



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