

EPIC FAIL, Part 1

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Experiencing The Passion of Jesus, part 2

Have you ever experienced an epic fail?

BIG IDEA: Peter's epic fail reveals God & us in a unique way. It reveals:

1. What God endures for loving us. He SUFFERS LONG.

"He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him." John 1:11 ESV

"Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light" John 3:19

"Love suffers long." 1 Corinthians 13:4 NKJV

2. He's near to us in our pain. He EMPATHIZES.

"For we do not have a high priest who is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but who has been tempted in all things in the same way, without sin.

Therefore, let us approach with confidence to the throne of grace, in order that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:15-16

A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. "If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean," he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. "I am willing," he said. "Be healed!" Mark 1:40-41 NLT

3. He knows we will fail him and does not give up on us. He knows and BELIEVES.

"Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! Jn. 13:36-38

4. Our epic fails do not define us. We have HOPE.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32

5. Peter's epic fail teaches us. We LEARN.

"They loved not their lives, even unto death." Revelation 12:11 ESV