

Carrying Regrets

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Big Idea

The story of Easter is about a stone that was rolled away. Jesus has conquered death, hell, and the grave so we can walk in restoration and new life!

Let's Talk

1. **Regret** - We all have regrets in our lives. It might be last week or last year, but it is not hard to remember a time when we did something that we later regretted. Peter promised to follow Jesus (even to his own death) and then denied three times that he knew Jesus. Even though we all fail, Jesus knows us and loves us through those failures. Are you holding on to regrets today? Are you adding more rocks to the backpack of your life?

2. **Restoration** - Peter is restored by Jesus after his denial. Jesus not only offers forgiveness but calls Peter to "feed his sheep" (John 21:15 - 16) as Peter becomes an integral part of the formation of the church. Jesus' resurrection gives us hope for restoration. Are you walking in restoration and hope today? What would it look like to walk without the burdens of your past regrets?

"Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." "Then Peter I want you to feed my sheep." John 21:15, 16b

Reflect & Respond

The resurrection of Jesus is the power that enables people who have failed to move forward in their life. Read 1 Peter 1:3 and meditate on the reality that Jesus, in His great mercy, has given us a new life through His resurrection. We can celebrate the resurrection every day by walking in freedom and restoration. You are not defined by your regrets and you don't have to live in defeat any longer.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy, He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3