



## **Remedy Series: The Remedy for Our Guilt and Shame**

### **Prayer Practice**

- 1. As you prepare to read the Bible, pause and pray, asking the Lord to show you what He wants you to notice.**
- 2. At the Last Supper, on what we now call Good Friday, Jesus had a conversation with Peter (Simon).**

Luke 22:31–34 (NLT)<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.<sup>32</sup> But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup> Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”

<sup>34</sup> But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

- 3. Read Luke 22:54-62 where Peter does deny Jesus three times.**
- 4. After Jesus' resurrection, He appeared to the disciples a number of times. At one point, Jesus appears on the beach as Peter and some other disciples are fishing. Take time to read John 21:1-14.**
- 5. After breakfast, Jesus had a conversation with Peter. Read John 21:15-19 and let it paint a picture in your imagination.**

John 21:15–19 (NLT)<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

<sup>18</sup> “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed

yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go.”<sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

- 6. What do you notice from this passage? What means the most to you?**
- 7. Is there anything you would like to pray about before moving on?**
- 8. Even though he had denied knowing Jesus three times, Jesus makes a point of communicating to Peter that He is still entrusted to minister to others. Peter did go on to “feed” and “take care of” Jesus’ sheep as one of the leaders of the church. Even as a leader of the church, Peter was still imperfect. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul describes a time that he corrected Peter. Read Galatians 2:11-14.**

Galatians 2:11–14 (NLT) <sup>11</sup> But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. <sup>12</sup> When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. <sup>13</sup> As a result, other Jewish believers followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.

<sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not following the truth of the gospel message, I said to Peter in front of all the others, “Since you, a Jew by birth, have discarded the Jewish laws and are living like a Gentile, why are you now trying to make these Gentiles follow the Jewish traditions?

- 9. What do you notice in this passage?**
- 10. What does it mean to you that even after becoming a Christian, and a Christian leader, Peter needed correction?**
- 11. What does it mean to you that Peter was still able to lead and minister after being corrected?**
- 12. Are you afraid that your past or present behavior disqualifies you from approaching God in prayer? Read Hebrews 4:16.**
- 13. Take time to listen to God in prayer.**
- 14. Draw near the Lord in prayer and receive mercy and grace to help with whatever you need.**
- 15. Close in thanksgiving.**

***Revolutionary Love by Festo Kivengere:***

**If you are reading this book along with this series, this week we encourage you to read Chapter 4.**

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