

Two Faced Part 4 | Hope in the Battle | March 25, 2018

MAIN POINT:

**Jesus will Accept You Like You Are
But He Will Not Leave You Like You Are**

ICEBREAKER: What is your favorite roller coaster ever? Why? Describe it in detail.

INSTIGATION:

1. What has more ups and downs, your spiritual life or your favorite roller coaster? Why did you answer that way?
2. Do you think ups and downs in your spiritual life are a normal or abnormal part of a walk with Christ?

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Galatians 5:17. How does this theme verse for this series relate to the ups and downs you discussed above?
2. Read Luke 22: 31-34. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus said this to him? Does it seem that Peter has a clear picture of the battle he was having in between his flesh and his spirit?
(Context Clues- Peter probably does not recognize his own tension between commitment and lack of commitment when he says "I will go with you both to prison and to death" just before he denies Jesus.)
3. Read Luke 22 54-62. Discuss Peter's three denials of Jesus. What sticks out to you? Where and how can you relate?

APPLICATION:

1. Read Luke 22:61. Do you find this verse in Luke strange? What do you think it indicates? Luke alone (Matthew, Mark, and John omit that detail) records that Jesus can see Peter at this third denial. Why do you think Luke includes this fact? Do you think God sees you when you deny Him and shrug off the Holy Spirit? How does this make you feel? Have you ever been broken like Peter was when he recognized that Jesus both predicted and saw his failure?
2. Read Romans 5:8-9. How does this verse further teach that Jesus sees us at our worst, but He still gives His best?
3. In light of Peter's life, discuss the Main Point of this study:

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4. Peter goes on to become the apostle who takes the gospel to the Jews and to the Gentiles in the book of Acts. How does this historical truth give you hope that Jesus can use you even though you are often "Two Faced"?
5. Have a time of prayer. In this prayer time make sure to pray for members who feel like they have major ups and downs spiritually leave with the hope that Jesus knows them, sees them, will change them and wants to use them.