

Week of March 4, 2024

Focus: No More Sifting through the Rubble - Chapter 9

Theme: God is bigger than our problems

Scripture Memory: Psalm 1:1

Overview: If we are so worried about others' opinions of our past, then our view of God is way too small and not God at all.

Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):

- **Monday:** Matthew 26:30-35
 - "Failure at one point or in one area in your life is not an excuse to give up the whole ball game," says Tony Evans.
 - Have you used your past to not share the Gospel with others?
 - How can Peter's example and Jesus' mercy give your encouragement to overcome this limp?
- **Tuesday:** Matthew 26:36-46
 - "We try to pull off spiritual goals in the power of the flesh."
 - Ever fall asleep praying? Do you fall asleep more watching your favorite sports team or praying? How can you shift your focus to prioritize Jesus better?
- **Wednesday:** John 18
 - Tony says, "Peter's collapse took less than 24 hours."
 - Ever been on a spiritual high note, and immediately fell short in sin? How did you react? How can you use this experience to strengthen your faith?
- **Thursday:** John 21:15-19
 - How do you describe Jesus' response to Peter?
 - How are you any different than Peter?
 - What is God trying to remove from you in order to serve Him better?
- **Friday:** Luke 18
 - *Tony states: "The good news today is that no matter how bad your life has collapsed, Jesus will come down and help you rebuild it."*
 - *When we reach rock bottom, there is a belief that our lives have ended. What if it is just the beginning? What if our lives weren't really truly lived yet because Christ wasn't really in it? What are things in your life that you prize more than your salvation? How can you prize Christ more today and every day after?*
- **Saturday:** Acts 2:14-41
 - "God can turn our leftover life into a spiritual delicacy." say Tony Evans
 - Peter went from denier to evangelist in chief on the day of Pentecost.
 - Is your salvation through the forgiveness of all of your past, present, and future sins so grounded in Christ that you don't hesitate in sharing it with others? Why or why not?
- **Sunday (Accountability Day):** Acts 5:40-41
 - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

Weekly Challenge:

Make God bigger than your mistakes. Seek forgiveness and salvation from them all once and for all. Be bold enough to embrace the past but proclaim the future.

Look for ways to glorify God and to lift others up as well.