# Restored for Leadership: Jesus and Peter's Renewal



Explore how Jesus restores Peter after failure, preparing him for leadership with love and purpose in John 21:15–19 and related scriptures.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day journey exploring the profound restoration of Peter by Jesus after his denial and failure. Peter, known for his boldness and sometimes impulsive nature, faced a deep moment of failure when he denied Jesus three times on the night of His arrest. Yet, this was not the end of Peter's story. The Gospels reveal a beautiful truth: Jesus restores those who repent and believe, empowering them for a renewed purpose.

In *John 21:15–19*, we see a powerful scene where Jesus personally reinstates Peter with love and grace. By asking Peter three times if he loves Him, Jesus not only forgives but also commissions Peter to "feed My sheep," entrusting him with leadership in the early Church. This restoration highlights the heart of God's forgiveness — it is always available, transformative, and purposeful.

Over the next seven days, we'll dive into related Gospel accounts and Scriptures, discovering how failure is not the final word, how Jesus' restoration ushers in new beginnings, and how each of us can find hope and strength in His redemptive love. Whether you identify with Peter's struggles, doubts, or victories, be encouraged: Jesus prepares and equips us to lead, serve, and grow in His grace. Let this study renew your faith as we walk alongside Peter on this journey of restoration and leadership.  $\bigwedge$ 

















#### Your Verse

John 21:15 - Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."







#### Devotional: Hope in the Midst of Failure

**Failure is painful, but it is not the end.** Peter's denial of Jesus was a moment of deep personal failure, yet Jesus addresses him with love and hope. In *John 21:15*, Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him, demonstrating that restoration begins with honest connection and love.

When we face failure, it's easy to feel distant from God or unworthy of His grace. But God's heart is close to those whose spirits are crushed, as Psalm 34:18 reminds us. Jesus' question to Peter invites us to return to a place of love, regardless of our past mistakes.

Moreover, Paul's words in 2 Corinthians teach us that God's power often shines brightest in our weakness. Failure can become a pathway to deeper reliance on God's grace. Today, embrace hope and remember that Jesus desires to restore, not condemn.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How have past failures affected your relationship with God or others?
	Do you believe God's grace is sufficient for your weaknesses? Why or why
3.	How can Jesus' question to Peter about love challenge your self-view?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you felt failure deeply and how you responded.
2.	Reflect on what Jesus' love means for your restoration journey.
3.	List ways you can embrace God's grace in your weaknesses this week.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** You know the pain of failure and the sting of rejection, yet You offer me hope and restoration. Help me to believe that Your grace is enough and that You desire to restore me fully. Teach me to embrace Your love with an open heart and to walk forward in hope, trusting Your power in my weakness. Thank You for never giving up on me. *Amen.*  $\swarrow$ 









Day 2: PRestored by Love









#### Your Verse

John 21:16 - "Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?""

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us."
- Romans 8:38–39 "Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."







#### Devotional: Love as the Basis of Restoration

**Jesus asked Peter three times, "Do you love me?"** This thrice-repeated question parallels Peter's three denials, symbolizing full restoration. The emphasis here is on love — not on Peter's performance or perfection.

This reflects the nature of God's relationship with us: He loves us first (1 John 4:19). Our restoration begins and continues through that relentless, unconditional love. Sometimes we feel unworthy, but God's love never wavers.

Romans reminds us that nothing can separate us from this love — no failure, no fear, no shame. When God's love is our foundation, we are invited to rise again, to serve, and to lead confidently. Like Peter, we are called to respond to Jesus' love every day and allow it to transform us deeply.







# Reflect and Apply

	How does understanding God's unconditional love impact your view of failure?
2.	In what ways has God's love restored parts of your life?
	How can you respond to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" in your everyday choices?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write your personal response to Jesus' question: 'Do you love me?'
2.	Reflect on moments where God's love restored you despite shortcomings.
3.	Plan ways to express your love for Jesus through your actions this week.







#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father,** Thank You for loving me first and for the depth of Your unfailing love. Help me to accept Your love fully, especially when I feel unworthy. Teach me to let Your love restore every part of my life and to live each day in response to Your kindness. May my heart be renewed and prepared to serve You faithfully. *Amen.* 









Day 3: 🌎 Called to Follow









#### Your Verse

John 21:17 - "Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.""

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."
- 1 Peter 5:2 "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care..."







#### Devotional: Restoration Leads to Purposeful Leadership

After restoring Peter's love, Jesus calls him to action: "Feed my sheep." This commissioning was Jesus entrusting Peter with a vital leadership role in guiding and nurturing the early believers.

Restoration isn't just about being forgiven; it's about being prepared and empowered to serve. Jesus calls restored hearts to purposeful action — caring for others and proclaiming the Gospel (Matthew 28:19).

Peter's shepherding reminds us that leadership in God's kingdom involves humility, service, and devotion to those we lead (1 Peter 5:2). When Jesus restores us, He also prepares us to fulfill His mission, turning past failures into stepping stones for growth and impact.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How has God called you to serve or lead after times of failure?
2.	What does it mean in your life to 'feed my sheep'?
	Are you trusting Jesus to prepare you for your unique calling despite your imperfections?







# **Journaling Prompts**

List ways God has used your experiences for leadership or service.
Reflect on what areas He is calling you to develop as a spiritual leader.
Write prayers of surrender for God's guidance in your purpose.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** Thank You for restoring me and inviting me to follow You with purpose. Help me embrace the call to serve and lead with humility and love. Prepare my heart and hands to nurture those around me and to share Your message boldly. May my life reflect Your shepherding heart. *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 









# Day 4: O Strength in Weakness









#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 12:9 – "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."
- Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."







#### Devotional: God's Power Shines in Our Weakness

**Peter's restoration journey reminds us that God's power is most evident in our weakness.** After his denial, Peter likely felt fragile and unqualified. Yet God's grace meets us right where we are.

Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 12:9 encourage all believers: Our weaknesses are not liabilities but opportunities for God's power to be displayed. When we feel inadequate or broken, God's strength enables us to carry out His plans.

Encouraged by Philippians and Isaiah, we can trust God to renew our strength daily. This truth applies to leadership and daily life — God equips us to overcome failures and challenges, making us instruments of His amazing grace.







# Reflect and Apply

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	n what ways can you rely more on God when you feel weak or inqualified?
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	What changes when you view weakness as a place where God works hrough you?
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# **Journaling Prompts**

1.]	dentify areas where you struggle and ask God for strength.
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	Write about a time when God's power was evident through your weakness.
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<b>3.</b> ]	Pray for increased trust in God's grace amid your challenges.
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#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, Thank You that Your power is made perfect in my weakness. When I feel inadequate, remind me that Your grace is sufficient. Fill me with Your strength so I can accomplish the purpose You have for me. Help me trust You completely and rely on Your endless power. *Amen.* \$\&\display\$

















Day 5: Renewed Vision and Purpose

#### Your Verse

John 21:19 - "Follow me!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 43:18-19 "See, I am doing a new thing!"
- Ephesians 4:1 "Live a life worthy of the calling you have received."







Day 5: 🖓 Renewed Vision and Purpose

#### Devotional: Following Jesus with Renewed Purpose

**Jesus' final call to Peter is simple yet profound: "Follow me!"** This invitation signals a new beginning, a fresh start for Peter with a renewed vision and purpose.

Isaiah reminds us that God is always doing something new, even after failure or seasons of struggle. God's work in our lives is ongoing and filled with hope and transformation.

Paul's exhortation in Ephesians challenges us to live in a way worthy of our calling. When Jesus restores us, He also refocuses us to follow Him closely, actively embodying His love, grace, and mission each day. This new path requires commitment, faith, and courage as we walk with Christ.







Day 5:  $\bigcirc$  Renewed Vision and Purpose

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What new things might God be doing in your life right now?
2.	How can you live more intentionally according to your God-given calling?
3.	What does it mean for you to "follow Jesus" today amid your struggles?







Day 5:  $\bigcirc$  Renewed Vision and Purpose

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe the vision or purpose God is renewing in your heart.
2.	Reflect on steps you can take to follow Jesus more closely.
3.	Write about ways you can live worthy of God's calling this week.







Day 5: Renewed Vision and Purpose

### **Prayer for Today**

**Jesus,** I hear Your call to follow You anew today. Help me leave behind past failures and step boldly into the new things You are doing in my life. Strengthen my commitment and lead me on the path You have set. May my life honor You and fulfill the calling You've given me. *Amen.*  $\bigcirc$   $\diamondsuit$   $\bigwedge$ 

















Day 6: F Growing in Grace and Leadership

#### Your Verse

1 Peter 5:5 – "Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:12 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
- Matthew 23:11 "The greatest among you shall be your servant."







Day 6: 🍞 Growing in Grace and Leadership

#### Devotional: Humility: The Mark of True Leadership

**Peter's restoration came with a lesson in humility and service.** His leadership would be characterized not by arrogance, but by genuine humility, compassion, and servant-heartedness.

Peter's later writings encourage believers—and leaders—to clothe themselves with humility (1 Peter 5:5). Jesus modeled this servant leadership perfectly, teaching that the greatest are those who serve others (Matthew 23:11).

True leadership in the body of Christ grows through grace-filled character development: kindness, patience, gentleness, and humility. As we grow in these traits, we reflect Jesus more closely and lead with integrity and love.







Day 6: 🎖 Growing in Grace and Leadership

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does humility change your understanding of leadership?
2.	What virtues do you need to grow to lead more like Jesus?
3.	In what ways can you practice servant leadership in your daily life?







Day 6: 🎖 Growing in Grace and Leadership

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a leader you admire for their humility and servant heart.
2.	Reflect on how you can cultivate humility and kindness this week.
3.	List practical steps you can take to serve others better.







Day 6: F Growing in Grace and Leadership

#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** Teach me to lead with humility and grace, following the example of Jesus. Help me to clothe myself in kindness, patience, and gentleness so that I may serve others well. May my leadership be marked by love and a humble heart that seeks Your glory above all. *Amen.*

















#### Your Verse

John 21:18 – "When you were younger, you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 12:1 "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."
- 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."







#### Devotional: Persevering in Faithful Leadership

Jesus' words to Peter foreshadow a life of faithful, sometimes sacrificial leadership. Restoration is not the finish line but the start of a lifelong journey of faithfulness and perseverance.

Hebrews encourages us to run our race with endurance, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Similarly, Paul's testimony in 2 Timothy inspires us to keep fighting the good fight, remaining faithful in the calling God has given.

Today, as restored leaders or followers, we are called to persevere, trusting God's strength, remaining humble, and following faithfully. Our failures do not define us; our faithful journey with Jesus does.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does faithful perseverance look like in your leadership or service?
	How do Jesus' promises encourage you to keep moving forward despite challenges?
3.	In what ways can you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus daily?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write your personal commitment to persevere in faith and leadership.
2.	Reflect on challenges you currently face and how God can sustain you.
3.	List ways you can encourage others to stay faithful in their journeys.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** Strengthen me to persevere in the calling You have entrusted to me. Help me keep my eyes on You, run my race with endurance, and remain faithful no matter the difficulties. Thank You for restoring me and making me a leader ready to serve Your kingdom well. *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$  6







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