

Outline – October 17, 2021
Mark 9:2-8; Luke 22:33-34,54-62; John 21:15-17
Peter –The Disciple (OCPD)

How Do We Manage The Failure In Our Life?

- I. What happens when things don't go as planned?**
 - A. We just wanted it to be perfect
 - B. We tried so hard
 1. To the point of burn out
 2. The anxiety was overwhelming
- II. The person/personality that is prone to burn out, anxiety (fear of failure)**
 - A. The obsessive-compulsive personality disorders
 - B. The symptoms
 1. Overly preoccupied with rules, lists, details, to the point they lose the big picture, lose the reason
 - a. The wedding
 - b. Right or relationship?
 2. Perfectionism
 - a. Can't look vulnerable
 - b. Deep-seeded insecurity
 3. Excessively devoted to work
 - a. Neglect self
 - b. Neglect others
 - c. No time for leisure
 4. Overly conscientious about following the rules
 - a. Morals
 - b. Ethics
 - c. No flexibility
 - d. Loyal
 5. Can't delegate task
 - a. Unless done exactly like them
 6. Stubborn, rigid
 - a. Fixates
 - b. Insecurity
 - c. Anxiety
 7. Can't discard worn out objects
 - a. No sentimental value
 - b. Pack rat – hoarder
 8. Miserly spending
 - a. Hoarding money – (not just thrifty)
 - b. For future “emergency”
 9. Dominating, controlling
 10. Excessive need for knowledge

III. Meet the Apostle Peter

- A. Leader
- B. Prone to OCPD
 - 1. Devoted
 - 2. Details
 - 3. Rule follower
 - 4. Rigid stubborn

IV. Peter's struggles

- A. False confidence (in self)
 - 1. I will not fail
 - 2. I will not deny
 - 3. I will be loyal
 - 4. I will be faithful (The quest for perfection)
- B. Failing cowardice
 - 1. His desires did not match his actions
 - 2. Jesus is being brought to trial
 - 3. Peter tries to follow, blend in
 - 4. He is caught between faith and fear, courage and cowardice, love and betrayal
 - 5. He doesn't expect what "hits him"

V. The denials (false confessions)

- A. A servant girl "He was with Him too."
- B. Peter's response "I don't know Him"
- C. "You are one of them"; "Man I am not"
- D. "This man is a Galilean"; "I don't know what you are talking about."
- E. Peter denies, knowing, following, and belonging

VI. How does this happen? (10 reasons)

- A. Boasted too much
- B. Listened too little
- C. Did not heed warnings
- D. Rejected reproof
- E. Did not believe temptation would overtake him
- F. Acted too quickly
 - 1. Out of sync
 - 2. With the will of God
- G. Followed too far away
- H. Was curious, but not courageous
- I. Blended in, tried to mingle
- J. Dug himself deeper

VII. Peter's downward spiral

- A. Lands in the pit of
 - 1. Denial
 - 2. Cursing
 - 3. Rejection

- B. He had been at the top
 - 1. Called
 - 2. Counseled
 - 3. Commissioned
 - 4. Confessed
- C. His response
 - 1. Weeping bitterly (remorse)
 - 2. Reflected
 - 3. Remembered
- D. His choices
 - 1. Showed up at the tomb
 - 2. Showed up in the upper room

VIII. The response of Jesus

- A. Was this unpardonable?
 - 1. No
- B. Jesus makes breakfast
- C. Three times asks, "Do you love me?"

IX. The rest of the story

- A. Peter would proclaim the risen Savior
- B. Peter would write about overcoming trials
- C. Peter would proclaim amazing grace

**We Fail
We Receive Grace
We Begin Again**