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Week Four – Guilt

“Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of His grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God’s grace. Everyday should be a day of relating to God on the basis of His grace alone.” – Jerry Bridge

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” – Hebrews 8:12

“Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, ‘This man was with him.’ But he denied it. ‘Woman, I don’t know him,’ he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, ‘You also are one of them.’ ‘Man I am not!’ Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, ‘Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean. Peter replied, ‘Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!’ Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.’ And he went outside and wept bitterly.” – Luke 22:54-62 (NIV)

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.” – 1 Timothy 1:15

“When a man is getting better he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse he understands his own badness less and less.” – C.S. Lewis

“Don’t pay back evil with evil. Don’t pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay them back with kind words. That’s what you have been chosen to do. You can receive a blessing by doing it.” – 1 Peter 3:9 (NIRV)

“Simon, Simon! Satan has asked to sift you disciples like wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon. I have prayed that your faith will not fail. When you have turned back, help your brothers to be strong.” – Luke 22:31-32

“They said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught having sex with a man who was not her husband. In the Law, Moses commanded us to kill such women by throwing stones at them. Now what do you say?’” – John 8:4-5 (NIRV)

“They kept asking him questions. So he stood up and said to them, ‘Has any one of you not sinned? Then you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then Jesus looked at her and said, ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’” – John 8:7 (NIRV)

“But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:85 (NIRV)

“The Lord turned and looked right at Peter.” – Luke 22:61

Peter’s impulsiveness led to a lot of moments of vulnerability.

“Christ didn’t have any sin. But God made him become sin for us. So we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us.” – 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIRV)

“But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure.” – 1 John 1:9 (NIRV)

“‘I’m going out to fish,’ Simon Peter told them.” – John 21:3

“When Jesus and the disciples had finished eating, Jesus spoke to Simon Peter. He asked, ‘Simon, son of John, do you really love me more than these others do?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he answered. ‘You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’ Again Jesus asked, ‘Simon, son of John, do you really love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes Lord. You know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’ Jesus spoke to him a third time. He asked, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me? Peter felt bad because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Lord, you know all things. You know that I love you. Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’” – John 21:15-17 (NIRV)

Sin – Grace = Guilt

Sin + Grace = Gratitude
