

Sermon Discussion Guide: Discipleship Failure Scripture: Matthew 14:25-32

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Opening Discussion

1. What stood out to you from today's message about Peter's journey of discipleship?

1. Peter's Bold Step (Matthew 14:28-29)

- What does Peter's request ("Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water") reveal about his faith at that moment?
- Even though Peter sank, why is it still significant that he was the only disciple who got out of the boat?

2. The Moment of Failure (Matthew 14:30-31)

- What caused Peter to sink? How does this reflect moments in our own discipleship when we struggle?
- Jesus immediately caught Peter when he cried out. How does this encourage us in our failures?

3. Patterns of Failure in Peter's Life

- Discuss Peter's highs and lows—his **declaration of Jesus as the Messiah** (Matthew 16:16) vs. his **rebuke of Jesus and being called "Satan"** (Matthew 16:22-23).
- What does Peter's journey teach us about the role of failure in discipleship?
- Jesus didn't let Peter's failures define him. How does Jesus' response to Peter's denials (John 21:15-19) offer hope for us?

Personal Reflection & Application

1. Identifying Our "Messiah Moment"

- When was a time you clearly recognized who Jesus is in your life? How did it shape your discipleship?

2. Overcoming Failure in Faith

- Have you ever allowed a past failure to stop your spiritual growth? How might Jesus be calling you to take the next step today?

3. Taking the Next Step

- Jesus told Peter, "You must follow me" (John 21:22). What step of faith is Jesus calling you to take next?
- How can we encourage each other in discipleship, even when we experience setbacks?