

Regret vs. Repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10



Introduction

- Are you sorry or are you sorry you got caught?
- We are imperfect people who fall short of God's glory daily
- How do we handle our sin in life?



Judas

- Who was Judas? Matthew 10:1-4
Jesus foretells of Judas' betrayal
- Judas betrays Jesus
- Judas realizes he has messed up



Peter

- Who was Peter? Matthew 10:1-4
- Jesus foretells of Peter's denial
- Peter denies Jesus three times
- Peter realizes he has messed up



What is the difference?

- Judas and Peter have so much in common
- It boils down to repentance and faith



Regret or Repentance?

- Did Peter repent of his sin or did he regret his sin?
- Matthew says Judas felt remorse for what he did
- At some level, Judas felt bad, but he only showed regret



Regret

- Regret eats away at you
- It doesn't help you change, or lead you to anything positive
- Regret means you wish it didn't happen, but it doesn't mean you are sorry, or that you are willing to change.



Peter

- He hurt the man he has come to know and love
- He wasn't just sorry he had made a mistake, he was sorry he hurt the Lord
- Regret is self focused, but repentance is God focused



Peter's mistakes

- Peter seems to mess up a lot, but he stands out because of what he does after his mistakes
- Every time, he repents, and goes back to Jesus in humility and faith
- It's not about how many times you fall short but what you do after you fall



Faith

- The second difference between Judas and Peter was faith
- Peter believed that Jesus would have mercy on him, and forgive his failure
- Judas clearly did not believe he could be forgiven



How do we apply this to our lives today?

- Seek Repentance
- Seek humility
- Believe

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