

LESSON 11: REPENTANCE VS. REMORSE

INTRODUCTION

As we talked about last week, God sometimes has to break us to ultimately bring us closer to Him. How we respond to God's rebuke is vital in determining if we are truly broken or not. In order to be broken, we have to be repentant and not just remorseful over what we have done. Although there are many similarities between repentance and remorse, there are two key differences which can be seen when we look at the lives of Peter and Judas.

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN PETER AND JUDAS

- ▶ From your knowledge of Scripture, how are Peter and Judas similar?
 - ❖ **Matthew 4:18-19, Luke 6:12-16**
 - ❖ **Matthew 26:24, 34.**
 - ❖ **Matthew 26:47-50 and Matthew 26:73-74**
 - ❖ **Matthew 27:1-5 and 26:75**

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PETER AND JUDAS

Read Matthew 27:5 and Acts 2:14, 37-41

- ▶ How are their consequences of betrayal different?

REPENTANCE AND REMORSE

Read 2 Corinthians 7:10

- ▶ How can sorrow be different and lead to different consequences?

Read Matthew 27:3-5, John 21:17, Matthew 26:75 and Acts 2:14, 37-41

- ▶ What kind of sorrow is seen in these passages?

REMORSE

Read Matthew 27:3

- ▶ Why is Judas upset in this passage?

REPENTANCE

Read Luke 22:60-62

- ▶ Why is Peter upset in this passage?

Read Psalm 51:1-4

- ▶ What kind of sorrow is seen here?

CONCLUSION

There is no way that a person can be saved unless they are repentant. If you have a sin that controls you, and you find yourself weeping, crying, and moaning, over it but never turn away

from it, then you are remorseful but not repentant. The Holy Spirit must speak to your heart, and it is He that makes you sorry or repentant. With true repentance comes victory.

Read 1 John 3:6

If you are walking in the Spirit, then the moment you sin, He will convict you. If it is a long time before you are bothered by your sin, then you are probably not walking in the Spirit. At some point when the Holy Spirit speaks to you, if you are really repentant, then you will be sorry for your sin. There is no way that when God Himself indwells you that it does not have a profound impact on your life.

Today if you hear His voice, then respond. You cannot be saved without hearing His voice. We have made Christianity so easy. In the end it has to be the voice of God in your heart to be saved. If a person is repentant, then they will change. There must be a consistency of righteousness. If there is a consistency of sin and that stays until you die, then you were never a Christian. True repentance brings about life-long changes that bring you closer to God and His will for your life.