

Good News

Dream what God
will do

CLOSER LOOK 3.29.26

Guest Speaker: John Maxwell

Scripture: Jonah 3:1, Matthew 26:33-35, Luke 22:61, John 21:1-17

Ice Breaker: Share about a time you failed at something small but learned an important lesson from it. (Keep it light—maybe a cooking disaster, a DIY project gone wrong, or a misunderstood text)

Notes

FACTS ABOUT FAILURE

1. Everyone fails
2. No one enjoys failure
3. We identify with other people's failures
4. Failure is not final

A SECOND CHANCE MEANS

1. The first time was lost
2. Grace is needed
3. We can make a better choice

3 REASONS WHY PETER FAILED

1. He placed himself spiritually above others
2. He thought he knew himself better than Jesus did
3. He felt he was stronger than he was

Questions

1. **Why do you think we hide, deny, or fear our failures?** What would it look like to be more honest about our shortcomings in Christian community?
2. **What's the difference between a "personal comeback" and a "divine comeback"?** Can you share an example from your life of trying to fix something on your own versus letting God help you?
3. **Jonah made six bad decisions in direct opposition to God's clear instructions.** Why do you think God still gave him a second chance? What does this tell us about God's character?
4. **The sermon noted that Jesus switched from asking for "agape love" to "phileo love," meeting Peter where he was.** How does this demonstrate God's grace in our weakness?

What's Coming Up

For more all that is coming up in the life of church, visit:
<https://rock.celebration.church/events>

Prayer

Lord thank you for second chances. Forgive us where we have tried to fix things on our own. Give us grace to make better choices and help us replace despair with hope in areas of failure. Give us courage to extend grace and second chances to others. Amen.