**Part 4 – Hope Wins**

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**The Tale of Two Guilty Guys**

**Peter & Judas**

**Peter**

**Luke 22:54-62**

**So they arrested him and led him to the high priest’s home. And Peter followed at a distance. The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.**

**A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, “This man was one of Jesus’ followers!” But Peter denied it. “Woman,” he said, “I don’t even know him!”**

**After a while someone else looked at him and said, “You must be one of them!” “No, man, I’m not!” Peter retorted.**

**About an hour later someone else insisted, “This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too.” But Peter said, “Man, I don’t know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.**

**At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord’s words flashed through Peter’s mind: “Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.**

**Judas**

**Matthew 27:1-10**

**Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. So they bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.**

**When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”**

**“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.” So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.**

**The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.**

**That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”**

**How does hope win over guilt and shame?**

**Choose repentance over remorse.**

**Psalm 32:5**

**Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the Lord.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.**

**2 Corinthians 7:10**

**Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.**

**Romans 3:23**

**For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.**

**1 John 1:8-9**

**If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

**Let Jesus take your guilt and shame.**

**1 Peter 2:24**

**He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.**

**John 21:15-18**

**When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”**

**Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”**

**Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”**

**The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”**

**Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”**

**Acts 2:38,39**

**Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**Stop listening to the accuser.**

**Romans 8:1**

**So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.**

**Romans 6:21-22**

**What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death!**

**But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.**