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Winning Over Regret!

Matthew 26:69-75; Matthew 27:3-5

Winning over regret is knowing that...

❖ Failure is a part of everyone's story.

Peter	Judas
Denied Jesus 3 times by oath and curse.	Betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
Hid because of humiliation.	Filled with remorse/Gave 30 pieces of silver back.
Wept bitterly.	Admitted to betraying an innocent man.
Won over regret: Later commissioned to preach.	Loss to regret: Hung himself (Committed suicide).

○ Failure's purpose is to reveal our weaknesses.

*2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT) ... "My grace is all you need. My power works best **in weakness.**"*

○ Failure's purpose is to reveal where we can win.

*"Failure should be our **teacher**, not our undertaker.*

--Denis Waitley

Winning over regret is knowing that...

❖ Forgiveness is important to our personal sanity.

○ Unconfessed sin makes life chaotic.

*Psalm 32:4-5 (NLT) When I **refused to confess my sin**, my body **wasted away**, and I **groaned** all day long. [4] Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength **evaporated** like water in the summer heat.*

○ Unshakeable belief in God's opinion is critical.

*1 John 3:20 (NLT) Even if we feel guilty, **God is greater than our feelings**, and he knows everything.*

Winning over regret is knowing that...

❖ God's facts must overrule our feelings.

○ Jesus said, "It is finished!"

*John 19:30 (NLT) When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "**It is finished!**" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit.*

○ Jesus will help us finish.

*Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work **until it is finally finished** on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

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