





Two Regrets

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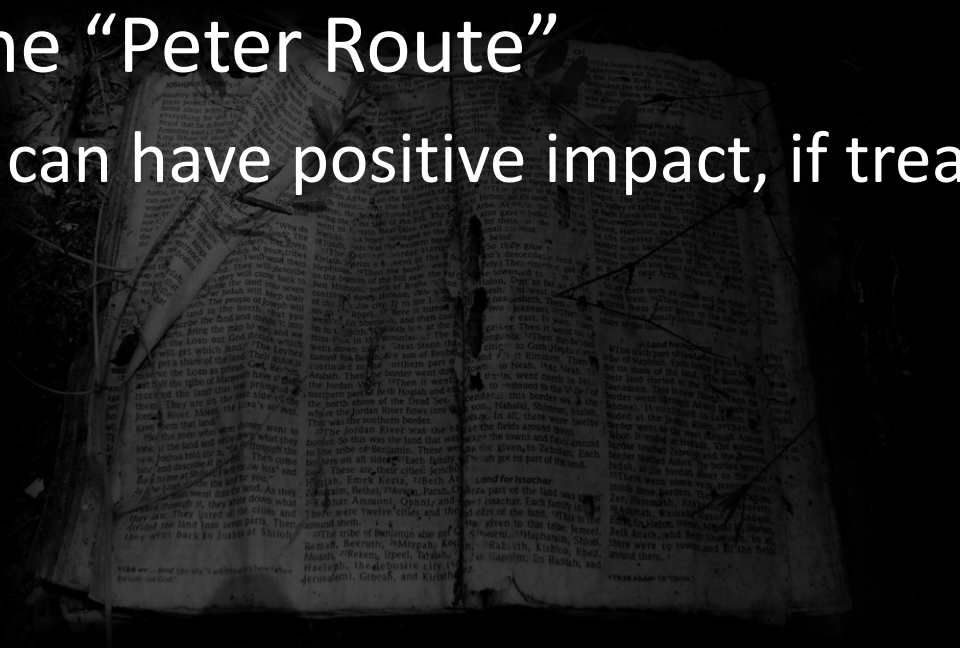
Regret Over Spiritual Failures

- All Christians share this in common (Rom. 3:23)
 - There is good news!
 - And Peter said to them, “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. — Acts 2:38
 - What should be the outcome of regret?

Peter	Judas
Chosen to Follow Jesus	Chosen to Follow Jesus
Displays Spiritual Weakness Matthew 16:22-23	Displays Spiritual Weakness John 12:6
Denies the Lord Matthew 26:69-74	Denies the Lord Matthew 26:49
Shows Remorse Matthew 26:75	Shows Remorse Matthew 27:3
Dedicates Life to Jesus Acts, I and II Peter	Commits Suicide Matthew 27:5

Regret Over Spiritual Failures

- Taking the “Peter Route”
 - Regret can have positive impact, if treated correctly



I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, **of whom I am the foremost**. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

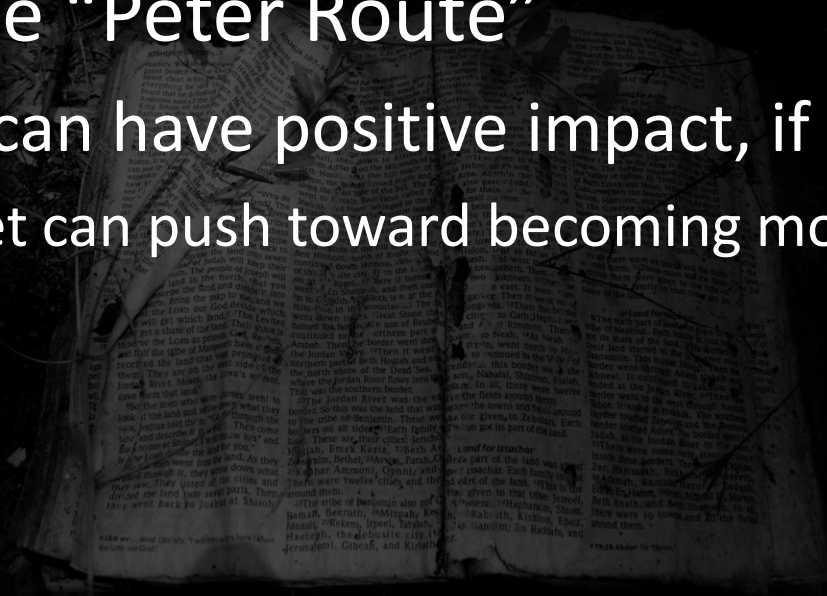
-- I Timothy 1:12-17

As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For **godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation** without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

-- II Corinthians 7:9-11

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- Taking the “Peter Route”
 - Regret can have positive impact, if treated correctly
 - Regret can push toward becoming more like God

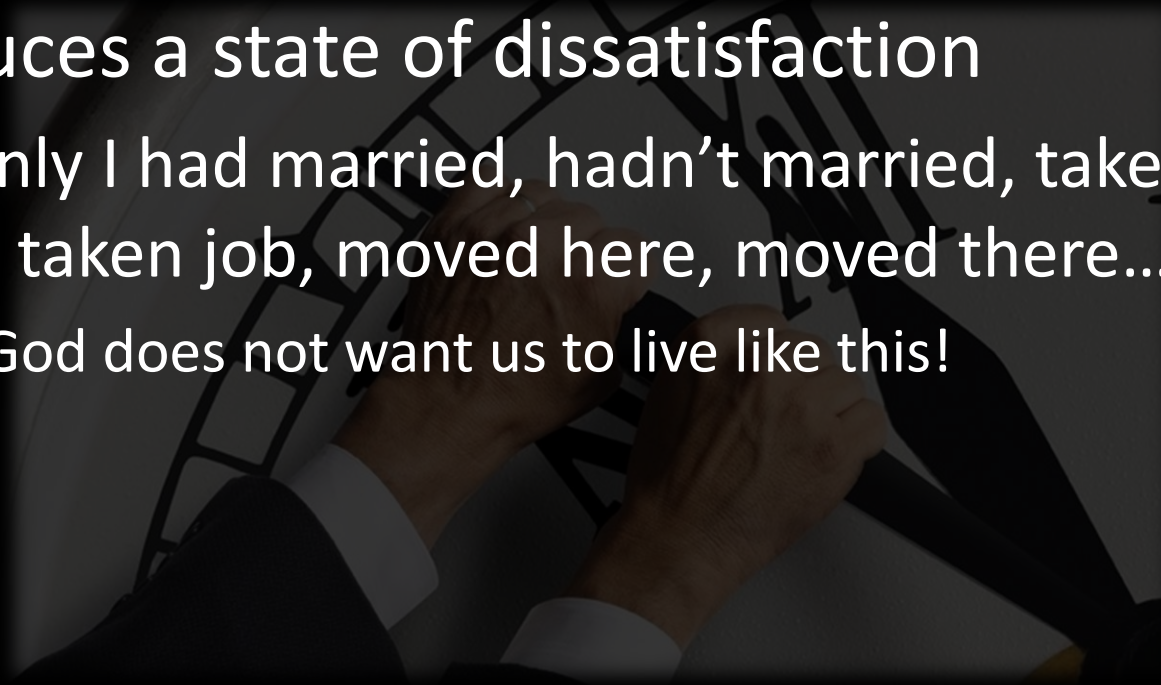


Regret Over Spiritual Failures

- Taking the “Judas Route”
 - Regret can lead to spiritual suicide
 - Believing God will not/cannot forgive past wrongs
 - Spiritually suicidal because God is rejected
 - In him we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of his grace – Ephesians 1:7

The Danger of “If Only” Regret

- Produces a state of dissatisfaction
 - If only I had married, hadn't married, taken job, not taken job, moved here, moved there.....
 - God does not want us to live like this!



- Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in **whatever situation I am to be content**. – Philippians 4:11
- Keep your life free from love of money, and be **content with what you have**, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” – Heb. 13:5
- But godliness **with contentment** is great gain
-- 1 Timothy 6:6

The Danger of “If Only” Regret

- Produces a state of sadness/melancholia
 - My “alternate me” is always happy
 - “Real me” is jealous and unhappy
 - Dangerous to my faith

And the **peace of God, which surpasses all understanding**,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 4:7

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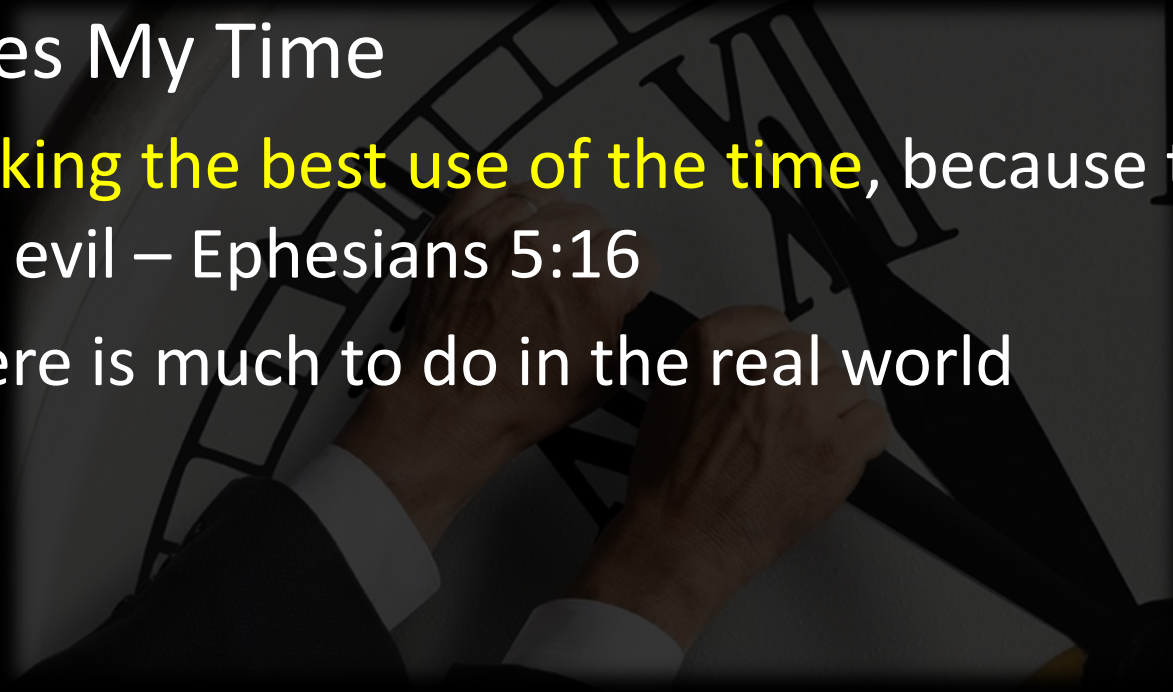
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 - Dangerous to my faith
 - God does not expect 100% happiness; He expects joy

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

– Romans 15:13

The Danger of “If Only” Regret

- Wastes My Time
 - Making the best use of the time, because the days are evil – Ephesians 5:16
 - There is much to do in the real world





There is only one regret that cannot be overcome