

This is cross-centered glory, and a cross-centered purpose for living.

Conclusion:

Get back in the game of living for a purpose.

Too many Christians think that they messed up, so they sit on the sidelines, no longer living for the purpose of showcasing Christ.

Let me help you get back in the game. Okay, let's take a look. You messed up your life? You are probably correct. There is plenty of sin.

Is there still hope for you to live for the purpose of glorifying God?

Yes.

Let me prove it.

The clear example is Peter had a golden opportunity to glorify God to people on a cold night by a warming fire outside of the trial of his precious Savior. But Peter messed up and claimed not to even know Jesus. Peter did not show anyone what a wonderful Savior Christ is.

But Peter knew what a wonderful Savior Christ is. Peter was crushed. Peter was sidelined. Peter had left the game.

In John 21, Jesus found Peter. You had me convinced at those three words. Jesus found Peter. But our wonderful Savior is not even close to done.

Jesus found Peter and asked Peter 3 times "*do you love Me?*"

Peter is sidelined, exited the game, guilty as charged, and completely shattered as a person, but if there is one thing that is true about Peter is that Peter loves Jesus.

Jesus knows that.

Jesus does not give him a six-month disciple rehabilitation program.

Jesus does not say – prove it for the next two weeks and you can serve me again.

Jesus said to Peter Feed my sheep.

Jesus is telling Peter to care for God's people.

Jesus is telling Peter that loving God is tied to loving the people of God.

Loving God means doing good for your neighbor.

Glorifying God means helping your neighbor to see what an incredible Savior you have.

You can have a colossally messed up life, and Jesus comes and puts you all back together.

Your co-worker needs that in her life.

Peter was broken in sin, and so are we.

Peter denied Christ and so do we with our self-centered lives.

Christ says that even when we have betrayed him, Christ reinstates us to the purpose of our lives. That very thing is the story we love to tell and what the world

longs to hear.

Sharing the story of Jesus' love for you, is why you are on this planet.

Christ gave His life so that people will receive the love of God the Father.

Paul followed Christ.

Paul says – be imitators of me, as I am an imitator of Christ.