

# THE JOURNEY

## Bible Reading Schedule

April 26	2 Samuel 15, 16	Luke 20:27-47
April 27	2 Samuel 17, 18	Luke 21:1-19
April 28	2 Samuel 19, 20	Luke 21:20-38
April 29	2 Samuel 21, 22	Luke 22:1-30
April 30	2 Samuel 23, 24	Luke 22:31-53
May 1	1 Kings 1, 2	Luke 22:54-71
May 2	1 Kings 3, 4, 5	Luke 23:1-26

### Peter Disowns Jesus [Luke 22:54-62]

#### Why did Peter deny he knew Jesus?

- momentary insanity
- spiritual weakness
- personality weakness
- fear for his own lift
- overwhelmed by circumstances

#### How do you think Peter felt when Jesus looked at him?

- he realized how stupid he'd been
- He felt ashamed of his behavior and his life.
- He was humiliated by his failure
- He was afraid Jesus would never forgive him.
- He though his life and his purpose was over.

#### How do you usually react when you experience failure?

- kick myself for days
- try to make up for it
- hide my feelings
- talk to someone about it
- pray about it
- lose confidence in myself
- admit it and move on
- try and learn from it

#### What have you found helpful in dealing with failure?

- take time to be alone
- have a good cry
- put it behind me
- analyze what when wrong
- drawing near to God
- accept responsibility
- make restitution when possible

#### Has there been a significant failure that changed the course of your life?

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SEEK HIM CONSTANTLY  
SERVE HIM FAITHFULLY  
SHARE HIM BOLDLY

God is getting  
ready to  
Laugh

### Disappointment starts with ...

#### (1) Patterns with patterns come expectations.

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. Jn 1:46

#### (2) Hurry [King Saul’s sacrifice, Abraham & Hagar]

He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that stew! I’m famished!” Gen 25:30

#### (3) Pride

“They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.” Ezekiel 12:2

### ➤ God delights in doing the **impossible**

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Gen 21

### ➤ God delights in jaw-dropping **surprises**

The very Presence of God changes things.

“They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”  
Luke 5:26

### ➤ God delights in creating a **celebrations**

“God has brought me laughter,  
and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” Genesis 21

### ➤ God delights in **YOU**

“I came so they can have real and eternal life,  
more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” John 10:10

### Do you delight in God?

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## Genesis 21:1-7 (NIV)

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Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him.

Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me. "And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Genesis 21:1-7