

When the Plan Falls Apart

How do we trust and grow in faith when God's plan isn't ours, and we're left disillusioned, grieving, and full of questions?

Key Passage: John 13:1–11

Jesus, knowing what was to come, knelt and washed His disciples' feet. Including Peter, the one who would deny Him.

Love led the way, even in the face of betrayal, confusion, and grief.

Peter's Journey: A Story of Good Intentions and God's Greater Plan

Peter had a plan. He thought he understood what Jesus was doing.

- But when things didn't go as he expected, Peter resisted, reacted, and ultimately broke down.
- Jesus didn't reject Peter for this. He restored him. He still used him.
- Peter's failure didn't disqualify him—it prepared him.

What This Means for Us

Like Peter, we all face moments when:

- Our expectations and reality don't line up.
- The plan we had unravels.
- Our faith feels fragile, even broken.

But in those moments, we're invited to:

- Grieve honestly
- Bring our disappointment to God
- Let Him meet us in our questions and pain
- Trust Him, even when the way forward feels dark

Reflection Questions

- What would it look like for you to let God meet you right where you are today—in your questions, your pain, or even in your resistance—and simply let Him wash your feet?

- Where in your life do you need to let go of your plans, and grieve what hasn't gone how you hoped—so that you can begin to see what God might be doing instead?

- What step could you take this week to trust God in the tension between your plan and His—no matter how small?

A Prayer For This Week

God, I don't understand what You're doing. This wasn't my plan. But I choose to trust that You are still with me. Give me strength for the journey. Meet me in the gap. And walk with me through the darkness, until the morning comes.