

The Road to Maturity

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus loved the world, helped many and trained twelve. (John 17:4)
- B. One must become disillusioned with himself in order to mature.
- C. Peter went through different phases: success, disillusion, recovery.

II. Success. (Luke 5:1-11; 6; 8; 9:20)

- A. Peter had great success with Christ.
- B. Peter had to go through failure though to find maturity.

III. Disillusionment. (Luke 22:45, 50, 54)

IV. Recovery.

- A. Step one in recovery is being gut-level honest with the Lord. Peter could only love Jesus with *agape* love. We must be moving in the right direction even though it is not easy. (John 21)
- B. Step two is not losing our outward focus. We must let go what we cannot hold onto. (Acts 3)
- C. Step three is recognizing that we need the team more than they need us. (Acts 12, Philippians 2:25)

Application questions:

1. Why is disillusionment important to maturity?

2. What does it look like to focus outward?

3. Why is a team so essential to recovering from disillusionment? Explain.
