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I see families and a church where:

- The next generation can stand upon our shoulders
- Sacrifice and honor come together
- The next generation receives wisdom from the generation before

Wisdom is making decisions today that eliminate regret for the future.

Two take-aways:

- How to overcome regret
- Preventing generational regret

How do we do this?

<u>II Corinthians 7:10</u> – "Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death (with regret)." (NIV)

Worldly sorrow produces death.

A worldly sorrow clings to the wrong path, while hating its consequences.

<u>Matthew 27:3-5</u> – "When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse, repented, and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ 'I have sinned,' he said, 'for I have betrayed innocent blood.'

'What is that to us?' they replied. 'That's your responsibility.' ⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself." (NIV)

His repentance led him to hopelessness and he hung himself.

Wordly sorrow will cause you to despise your pain, but cling to the path that brought it.

Worldly sorrow will make you:

- Blame others (the universe is against me)
- Blame yourself (the lie of shame)
- Both

Godly sorrow produces repentance.

Repentance: to change, turn around, and go in the other direction.

<u>Luke 22:31-32</u> – "Simon, Simon, satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." (NLT)

After you fail and turn around, give it away to others!

<u>Luke 22:60-62</u> – "Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!' Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.' ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly." (NIV)

How did Peter interpret that look?

How do you think Jesus looks at you?

Repentance isn't about what you are leaving, but rather who you are now following!

When we fail to understand and represent Jesus accurately, we close the door of repentance for ourselves, those we love, and for the next generation.

<u>Romans 2:4</u> – "Or do you despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" (NKJV)

If you don't understand and reveal His love to others, it is impossible to be a true follower of Jesus.

<u>John 13:34-35</u> – "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (NKJV)

<u>Mark 16:6-7</u> – " 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples **and Peter**, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' " (NIV)