




A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!

A man with reddish-brown hair, wearing a brown t-shirt, is shown from the chest up. He has his hands pressed against his face, covering his eyes and nose, with his fingers spread. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The overall tone of the image is somber and reflective.

Failure *Is* an Option

Matthew 26:69 – 27:26

I. A Devoted Yet Overconfident Disciple (26:69-75)

The “Molten Moment”

A. Failure is Preceded by Pride

B. Jesus Will Not Give Up on Disciples Who Fail Him.

II. A Follower Disillusioned by Wrong Expectations (27:1-10)

A. Surprised and Disappointed

B. There is a Point of No Return for Disillusioned Followers (3-5).

No capacity for faith in Christ

III. A Reluctant Outsider Seeks to Avoid Responsibility (27:11-26)

A. People May Find Their Lives Suddenly Tangled Up with Jesus.

B. No One Who is Confronted with a Decision About Jesus Christ Can Dodge Their Responsibility.