

# Similarities:

- Each committed grievous sins against Jesus
- Each had opportunity to change course and neither did
- Each has a deeply emotional response to their sin
  - **Peter weeps bitterly** – to sob violently/uncontrollably expressing despair
  - **Judas seized with remorse** – to regret something with the sense of wishing it could be undone

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# Nature of sin was different:

- **Peter's denials were 'hot'** – spontaneous; in the heat of the moment; failure of courage
- **Judas' betrayal was 'cold'** – calculated; intentional; played out over multiple hours; result of carefully schemed/executed plan

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## **Relational trajectory at time of sin was different:**

- **Peter's denials ran counter to his heart posture towards Jesus** - I will die with You, drew sword to resist; followed Jesus into Caiaphas' courtyard; didn't leave after 1<sup>st</sup> 2 denials; arc of Peter's life is towards Jesus
- **Judas' betrayal reflected his heart posture towards Jesus** - calls Him Rabbi 2x; arc of Judas' life is away from Jesus

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# Peter repented; Judas did not

- Initially may think Judas closer to repentance than Peter - acknowledges sin; returns money
- **Peter rejoins 11** - Mt 28.16 - *the 11 disciples* went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go
- **Judas kills himself** – in Judas' case demonstrates a final break with Jesus
  - **Matt 26.24** – woe to the man who betrays the Son of Man
  - **John 17.12** – betrayer is 'one doomed to destruction'

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**Ps 103.11: Depths of God's love for us -**

As high as the heavens are above the earth so great is His love for those who fear Him.

**Ps 103.12: Comprehensiveness of His**

**forgiveness** - As far as the east is from the west so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**2 Cor 7.10: Fruit of repentance/danger**

**of despair** - Godly sorrows brings repentance which leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but worldly sorrow leads to death.

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge.

*Pause and silently confess any sin the Holy Spirit brings to your attention.*

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Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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I pray that out of Your glorious riches You may strengthen me with power through Your Spirit in my inner being, so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith.

And I pray that being rooted and established in love, I may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for me and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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