

# Mirror, Mirror: Moments of Reflection | Silver to Silver

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This provides about one hour of readings, discussion, and music.

This is a springboard for discussion and further study, so use the portions you find most valuable.

## 1. Judas was a **disciple**.

- Read **Matthew 26:14-16** and **27:1-4**, and **Luke 6:43-49**. What inferences can you make about Judas's discipleship, especially as his stresses increased?
- What other situations in the Bible come to mind about a person turning away from God rather than seeking restoration?

## 2. Judas was disillusioned and made a **mistake**.

- Read **Luke 8:4-15**, **Psalm 68:4-6**, **Proverbs 29:18**, and **Proverbs 21:2**.
  - What other ideas from the message really stood out to you?
  - What do you do when life events are not within your control?

## 3. Judas recognized his **sin**.

- Before reading, listen/watch "**If I Flee on Morning Wings**."
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACCiT-IgDmQ>
- Both Peter and Judas betrayed Jesus, but each one responded in a different way. Discuss what we can learn from this in light of these verses:
  - **Luke 22:31-32**, **Psalm 51:1-9**, **Psalm 139:1-12**, **Romans 3:23**, **1 John 1:8-10**, **Hebrews 4:12-16**
  - How can I return to the "center" of God's will rather than living at the edges?

## 4. Judas lost hope for his **future**.

- Recognize the loss of hope umbrella:
  - betrayal; shame, hypocrisy; grief about possessions or people; a belief that the pain of dying is less than the pain of living; a belief that there is no other way
- Read and discuss **John 10:10**, **1 Peter 5:8-9**, and **Ephesians 6:10-18**.
  - What are the benefits to us in understanding the strategy of our enemy?
- Consider restoration: **James 4:6-8**, **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**, **Psalm 51:10-12** and **19:12-14**.
  - What strategies can I use when I recognize hopelessness in myself - or others?

**Close** in prayer, and listen/watch this theme-related song:

- **"Run to the Father"** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAEL3LOS12k>

Resource

- "It is Well" 5-minute video <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/itiswell>

If you have a prayer need, please ask a friend here to pray with you, and to support you in prayer this week.