

# Hope Even In Failure

Mark 16:1-8

## 1. Intro

1. Have you ever promised God something but have never done it. Do you have guilt over defeated sin? Have you resolved to overcome a certain sin but can't?
2. Is all hope lost?
3. Our risen Saviour gives hope to all of us who have failed.
4. We want to look specifically at Peter today.

## 2. Failure Cannot Be Hidden

1. Adam tried it.
2. In relation to Peter:
  1. Jesus noticed his failure ahead of time. (Mark 14:29-31)
  2. Jesus notice his failure when it happened. (Luke 22:60-62)
  3. Jesus noticed his failure after the fact. (v 7 - indicated by "including Peter")
3. You cannot hide your failures from God.

## 3. Failure Cannot Separate

1. Peter's failure was bad. (denial)
  1. He reflected on the last words he spoke to Jesus. (Luke 22:61)
2. Jesus' love is greater than failure
  1. Personal salvation (Rom 5:8)
  2. Meets personally with Peter. (Luke 24:34; I Cor 15:5)
    1. Even though Peter's denial is public. Later restores Peter publicly. (John 21:15)
3. Jesus gives us grace
  1. Knows we are going to fail, yet forgives us before hand.
  2. We are forgiven, not made to work off our sin.

## 4. Failure Does Not Exclude Us From Service

1. Failure can be used to teach us.
2. Peter failed through pride (Mark 14:29), but learned humility (I Peter 5:5)
3. Peter failed to watch and pray (Matt 26:40-41), but learned good judgment (I Peter 2:20)
4. Peter denied Jesus in front of a servant girl (Luke 22:56-57), but wrote about giving a defense to everyone who asks (I Peter 3:15)
5. Jesus uses restored people to encourage others (John 21:16)
  1. Think of the Day of Pentecost. Could Peter even preach because of what he did?
6. What have you learned from failure? Has it improved your relationship with Jesus?

## 5. Conclusion

1. God knows us through and through. Acknowledge that.
2. Jesus died so that we cannot be separated from Him by our failures.
3. Because He is raised and lives forevermore, we can serve Him despite our shortcomings.