

HOPE FOR THE FAILED

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Have you ever messed up and totally failed at something?
- B. Failure can be so devastating that others tend to remember our failures for the rest of their lives.
- C. We must remember that our failures do not have to defeat us.

PETER'S FRIENDSHIP WITH THE LORD

- A. Peter was chosen by the Lord Himself to walk with Him and join in His ministry (Mt. 4:18-20).
- B. Peter was one of the apostles who was closest to Jesus (Matt. 17:1-2; Mk. 5:37; Matt. 26:37).
- C. Peter felt so comfortable and close to Jesus that he even rebuked Jesus (Matt. 16:21-23).

PETER'S FAILURE OF THE LORD

- A. Peter proudly boasted about his loyalty to Jesus (Mk. 14:26-31).
- B. Peter publicly denied knowing Jesus (Mk. 14:66-72).
- C. Peter remembered what Jesus had said as the Lord looked at him (Luke 22:61).

PETER'S FORGIVENESS FROM THE LORD

- A. Jesus was concerned about Peter after His resurrection (Mk. 16:7; Lk. 24:34; I Cor. 15:5).
- B. Jesus gave Peter the opportunity to publicly profess his love for Him (Jn. 21:15-17).
- C. Jesus had a plan for Peter even after he had failed Him (Acts 2).

WHAT THE FORGIVENESS AND HOPE OFFERED BY JESUS MEANS FOR US

- A. Jesus never gives up on us.
- B. Jesus is willing to forgive if we are willing to repent.
- C. Jesus doesn't criticize or humiliate us when we return.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Like Peter, we are all going to fail in our walk with God.
- B. How will you respond to your failures and shortcomings?
- C. We must remember to not allow our failures to defeat us.