

CHURCH OF CHRIST GULF SHORES

Sunday Morning Sermon

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“reTURN: The Story of John Mark”



Introduction: Would you love to start over? What if you could push a “reset” button? What would you change? Both science and Scripture provide evidence that our minds have a “reset” button (**Romans 12:1-2**). We have been considering true stories that inspire us to rewire our minds and take advantage of a second chance. I want to remind you of some things we know about John Mark. We will begin our study in **Mark 14:51-52**. Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. What Do We Know?

- A. *John Mark Learned Ministry Was Difficult*
 - **Mark 14:51-52, Luke 14:27-33, Acts 12:25-13:14**
- B. *John Mark Learned Ministry Was Deadly*
 - **Mark 14:53-15:41, 16:9-20, Acts 13:1-14, 15:36-41**
- C. *John Mark Learned Ministry Was Decisive*
 - **Mark 12:28-31, Colossians 4:10, II Timothy 4:11, I Peter 5:13**

II. What Can We Learn?

- A. *Remember the Consequences of the Sin*
 - **Luke 9:62, Acts 13:13, Matthew 23:12, James 4:10, I Peter 5:5-6**
- B. *Remember the Solution*
 - **Acts 13:49, 15:37, 39, Galatians 6:9, Mark 10:47, Philemon 24**
- C. *Remember the Second Chance*
 - **II Timothy 4:11, Matthew 18:21-35, II Peter 3:9**

Conclusion: Throughout this series we have noticed that transformation takes more than just good intentions and a sincere heart. If we plan on starting over we need to make serious changes to our life (i.e. repentance, confession, obedience). We need to experience a full reset! What have you learned from John Mark? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed those sins? Are you living in obedience? How's your faith? How's your Christian walk? Do you need to press the reset button? You're just a few steps away from starting over. Come to Jesus!