

Morning Lesson

MARK: FAILURE IS NOT FATAL

Rom. 3:10, 23

INTRO:

1. Many times we allow a person's failures to define them... Thomas. **John 20:24-28; 11:16; 14:5**
2. There is another New Testament character who refused to allow a failure to define him.

I. MARK'S FAILURES

A. An alleged failure.

1. Jesus was in the Garden. **Mark 14:36**
2. Judas arrived, with a crowd. **John 18:10, 11**
3. **Mark 14:51, 52**

B. An actual failure. **Acts 13:13; 11:27-30; Col. 4:10; Acts 13:5**

C. We next read of John Mark in **Acts 15:37-39**.

II. MARK'S FLOURISHING

A. Mark accompanied Barnabas to Cyprus. **Acts 15:39**

B. He is mentioned next in **Col. 4:10**.

C. He comes up again in **Philemon 23, 24**

D. Paul longs for the company of Timothy as he is near his execution and he knows it. **2 Tim. 4:11**

E. We can draw two conclusions about him.

1. There was a time when Paul wrote him off.
2. Mark redeemed himself.

III. MARK'S FATE.

A. Tradition tells us he worked with Peter. **1 Pet. 5:13**.

B. Tradition tells us that he died a martyr's death.

CONC:

1. We need to know that our failures and the failures of others are not fatal.
2. We must forgive ourselves and any who may have failed us and keep on serving the Lord.