

Message Notes

It's Not Too Late

- Your future can be <u>GREATER</u> than your past
 "A person who never made a mistake
 never tried anything new." Albert Einstein
- Don't put your life in park, keep heading in ONE direction
- What if we looked at our failures as a chance to start over

Satan's MO (modus operandi or method of operation)

- Read 1 Peter 5:8 (Satan is on the prowl)
 Read John 10:10 (Satan wants to steal, kill, and destroy)
- Satan wants you spiritually **ISOLATED**, **IMPOTENT**, and **INJURED**
- Satan wants you in a dark corner alone
 Jesus wants us to pull people out of that corner, to love,
 encourage, and support them.

Read Matthew 4:19 (Jesus wants us to fish for people)

Why this series?

- We're talking about real people in history that did some amazing things – after failure!
 - o **BROKENNESS** didn't keep them down
- Read John 15:5 (Apart from Jesus, you can do NOTHING)
- Think of life like a football game

- The first half is <u>IMPORTANT</u>
 But it's not <u>DETERMINATIVE</u>
- o It's a time for rest and assessment, a time to regroup
- God looks at your <u>FUTURE</u> while the enemy tries to keep you focused on your <u>PAST</u>
 - Satan says "you can't" God says "you can"
 - Satan says "put it in park" God says "keep going"
- In the Old Testament God delivers the Israelites <u>FROM</u> their past and <u>INTO</u> their future
 - God did the exact same thing in the New Testament through Jesus Christ!
 - Darkness caused the Israelites to stretch out a monthlong journey into 40 years!
 - Darkness can cause us to spend eternity in hell
- God has always made a way for us to escape our past and deliver us into a greater and much better future
 - You <u>CAN'T</u>, and God <u>WON'T</u> change your past
 - You <u>CAN</u>, and God <u>WILL</u> change your future
- In this series we'll talk about people God used, even though they failed, they escaped their past – God can use you too, you can escape your past – it's not too late!

