



You're Not Far

WEEK 7: The End of the Beginning
(Mark 14:22-24, 50, 53-56, 60-72; 15:3-5, 12-13,
16-20, 22, 24, 29-34, 37-38; 1 Peter 2:24 NIV)

Faith often deteriorates when circumstances deteriorate. But it doesn't have to. Even when what you see and feel leads you to conclude that God is distant and still, he is close and active. Join us as we study the true story of Simon Peter to explore how you are never far from God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. [ICEBREAKER] What fills you with righteous anger? What brings you joy or peace?
2. When you read Simon Peter's story of disowning Jesus and the following Crucifixion, what stands out to you? What do you think he most wanted people to know about this event?
3. In Mark 15:37-38, after Jesus died "the curtain of the temple was torn in two". As Pastor William explains, the curtain's purpose was to keep the holy place separate from the people. What curtains in your life need to be 'torn down'?
4. Read John 16:19-24 and John 17:24-26. What do you notice and learn from these passages?
5. Does this series change how you view any events in your current situation? Has it given you any insight into any changes you might want to make going forward?
6. Now that "the time has come", what might be your next step? [Mark 1:15]

MOVING FORWARD

Your past does NOT define you -- because of what Jesus did for you.

***“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news!”***
—Mark 1:15 (NIV)