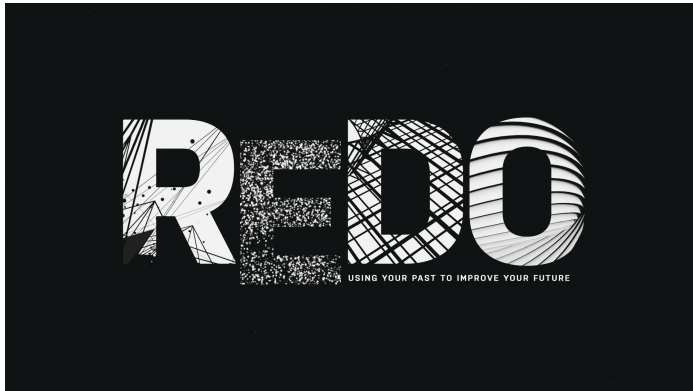


TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: It's Not Over Til It's Over
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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Getting to know John Mark's story can bring a lot of hope. Starting off well in our faith is good, but it doesn't guarantee we will continue that way. We need to continue to pursue God.

Failure along the way doesn't have to ruin us. If we will pursue God, He will forgive, restore and set us on the path again even stronger than we were before.

This week, take some time to reflect on the following passages. They show us how to prevent problems, as well as how to find God's forgiveness and restoration when we fall.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NLT)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you and lead me..."
Psalm 139:23,24 (NLT)

¹² If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. ¹³ The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (NLT)

"Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool."
Isaiah 1:18 (NLT)

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts."

Isaiah 57:15 (NLT)

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

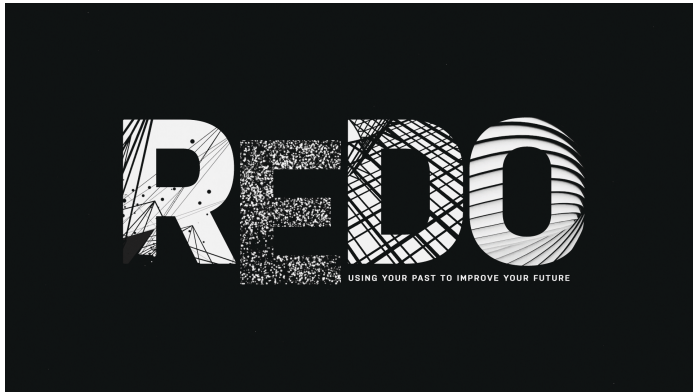
BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NIV – New International Version

NLT – New Living Translation

TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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The story of John Mark (see Acts 12 thru 15):

When he realized this, he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer.

Acts 12:12 (NLT)

⁴ So Barnabas and Saul were sent out by the Holy Spirit. They went down to the seaport of Seleucia and then sailed for the island of Cyprus. ⁵ There, in the town of Salamis, they went to the Jewish synagogues and preached the word of God. John Mark went with them as their assistant.

Acts 13:4-5 (NLT)

John left them...

Acts 13:13 (NLT)

³⁶ After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing." ³⁷ Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. ³⁸ But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. ³⁹ Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed

for Cyprus. ⁴⁰ Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care.

Acts 15:36-40 (NLT)

Personal failure is an important opportunity.

- Failure can undermine me.
- Failure can define me.
- Failure can confine me. But, God has a different perspective...
- Failure can refine me. When I have failed, it can become the springboard for me to begin changes in my life that can transform me. Failure gets my attention in a way that success never will. Failure reveals my weaknesses and shows me where I need to grow and develop.

You have purified us with fire, O Lord, like silver in a crucible.

Psalms 66:10 (TLB)

Please get this...Failure doesn't have to be final.

¹¹ "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me."

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NLT)

Years and many choices later...

²³ Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings. ²⁴ So do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my co-workers.

Philemon 1:23-24 (NLT)

¹⁰ Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life... ¹¹ get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:10,11 (NIV)

And by the way, he wrote the Book of Mark!

(Also, check out the message from December 2019, **Letting go of Regret.**)



Our past mistakes can take control of our lives and define us. If we dwell on the past and give up, there is no hope for positive change. But, the good news is that Jesus offers us forgiveness, hope and power – genuine power - to change! We don't have to be defined by our past. Instead, we can learn from it and move forward with purpose and hope, and in the process, make a real difference in the world.

FIRST TIME GUESTS

We promise we're not going to make you stand up in front of everyone or track you down, but we'd love to know you were here today! Simply fill out your communication card in the seat back in front of you and check the "First Time Guest" box. On your way out, stop by Guest Services at the front doors and get your FREE welcome gift. We're glad you are here!



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US TODAY!**

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We're honored when people choose to do church with us. New Hope is for anyone who wants to seek God - from those exploring if He even exists, to devoted Christ-followers. Wherever you are, you'll find we are committed to showing the love of Jesus and helping people establish a relationship with Him. We are casual, laid-back and far from perfect. **ALL are welcome!**



Come to an interest meeting about the summer Uganda trip on Sunday, January 19th at 12:45 pm in the Large Room upstairs. We'd love for you to step outside of your comfort zone to experience the pure joy and deep faith of the Ugandan people; worship that moves you to tears; plus love and laughter being engulfed by children longing for affection. You'll also witness the camaraderie of a team of Christ followers who are passionate about serving the poor in a country so different than ours. Then...experience a shift in your own perspective and heart towards the things that matter to God. Please RSVP to Jenny at theherzogs1@verizon.net or let us know on your comm card.



DISCOVERING PARTNERSHIP

For those of you ready to investigate partnership at New Hope, we are offering a Discovering Partnership Class on Sunday, January 26th from 12:45 - 2:45 pm. We'll even provide lunch and childcare. You can sign up at bit.ly/dpcjan2020. At this class, you'll learn the vision and values of New Hope. We'll explain the five core values, heart attitudes and theological distinctives our church lives by. At the end of the class, you'll have an opportunity to become a partner of New Hope.

group**link**

The best way to get connected and grow in your faith is to join a small group! God designed people to live and grow in community, so we encourage EVERYONE to be in a small group. If you've wanted to try a group, but haven't taken the step to join yet, we have an event especially designed for you!

GroupLink is where people connect with others in their same stage of life and/or area of town to form small groups. Groups that form through GroupLink will meet weekly in member's homes to connect, look at God's word, and pray together. These groups are open for all adults, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. Each group typically has around 6-12 people.

GroupLink will happen here at New Hope on Sunday, January 19th from 1 - 3 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided, but you must register in advance at bit.ly/jan2020grouplink. Questions? Contact Dan Dever at dan.dever@newhope.org

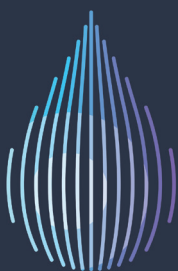


This year's Bible Reading Plan (BRP) will encourage you to explore and develop disciplines in your life to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Think of a discipline as a habit that deeply influences your life. Each month is devoted to a different spiritual discipline or habit. Richard J. Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth* defines spiritual disciplines as "...the means of God's grace for bringing about genuine

personality formation characterized through and through by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and faithfulness and gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)." Spiritual disciplines are practices we do or habits we develop with the end result of being more like Jesus. We would like to encourage you to read *Celebration of Discipline* along with the BRP. You can purchase it on Amazon.com. The BRP can be found at newhope.org or hard copies are available at Guest Services.

MEN'S RETREAT

Save the Date • January 25th • More Details Coming Soon



BAPTISM
THE BEST NEXT STEP

We believe baptism is an important step for everyone who has decided to trust and follow Jesus. It's an outward declaration of a growing inner faith and relationship with Jesus. Our next Baptism Celebration is on Saturday, February 1st at 2 pm. If you've never been baptized, this might be the perfect time. Learn more at one of the Baptism Information Meetings after all three services the weekend of January 17/18. You can also sign up or ask questions by emailing us at baptism@newhope.org.

mark your calendar

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1.17-28

Baptism Info Meetings

1.19

Grouplink

1.24-26

Winter Bash

1.25

Men's Retreat

1.26

Mission Muffins

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Discovering Partnership

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Baptism Celebration

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Mission Muffins

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Blood Drive

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Northstar Womens Conference

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Baptism Info Meetings

4.11

Good Friday

4.12-13

Easter Services

4.18

Baptism Celebration

4.26

Mission Muffins



The Landing is a for students in 6th-12th grade who want help dealing with difficult life issues. It's a safe place to talk openly about real life, learn new ways of coping, and have a little fun. The Landing meets on Tuesdays from 7- 8:30 pm. Learn more at www.thingscansuck.com. You can also email info@thingscansuck.com or call 703.971.4673 ext 120. **This month we're talking about depression.** Join us to learn what God has to say about it.

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