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SERMON #25

# MARK

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## *Forgiven, Restored, and Sent*

## WHO WAS JOHN MARK?

### A HOME OPEN TO BELIEVERS
John Mark was the son of Mary, whose Jerusalem home welcomed believers for prayer. (Acts 12:12)

### BARNABAS' RELATIVE
Scripture identifies Mark as the cousin of Barnabas, placing him close to the missionary church. (Colossians 4:10)

### A MISSIONARY HELPER
He accompanied Barnabas and Saul and served as their assistant. (Acts 12:25; 13:5)

### HE WITHDREW
He left them in Pamphylia and returned to Jerusalem. Scripture does not state his motive. (Acts 13:13)

### GIVEN ANOTHER CHANCE
Barnabas wanted to take Mark again when Paul did not; their disagreement separated them. (Acts 15:36–39)

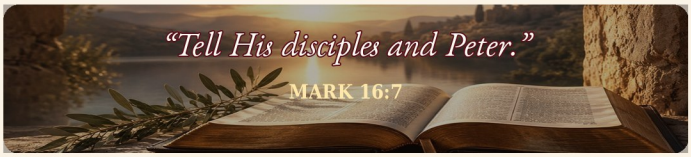
### LATER CALLED USEFUL
Paul later named Mark a fellow worker and called him "useful…for service." (Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11)

### CLOSE TO PETER
Peter called Mark "my son." Early Christian testimony connects the Gospel bearing Mark's name with Peter's preaching. (1 Peter 5:13)

## WHAT THE LORD REVEALS

- Lips may sound religious while the heart remains far from God. (Mark 7:5–7)
- Human tradition must never replace God's commandment. (Mark 7:8–9)
- Peter promised loyalty, denied Yeshua three times, and wept. (Mark 14:27–31, 66–72)
- The words "and Peter" show that failure did not cancel his calling. (Mark 16:7)
- Those forgiven by God must forgive and love their neighbor. (Mark 11:25; 12:29–31)

## THE TURNING POINT




Peter failed and was restored. Mark left the mission and was later welcomed again. Grace transformed forgiven people into servants who carried the Gospel forward.

## THE RESULT

- Peter was restored to service and leadership.
- Barnabas stood by Saul/Paul and later by Mark. (Acts 9:26–27; 15:36–39)
- Paul later welcomed Mark and called him useful. (Philemon 24; 2 Timothy 4:11)
- Peter called Mark "my son." (1 Peter 5:13)
- Restored people carried the Gospel forward instead of remaining trapped in shame or judgment.

## THE TAKEAWAY

*"Walk around with forgiveness all over you."*

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