I Peter 1:6-7





- Failures can either drive us or destroy us.
- Have you ever failed trying hard to do something or have something?
- We see an example of each of these possibilities in two Bible characters.
 - Peter
 - Judas

- Four occasions of FAILURE with Peter
 - Failed in trusting the power of Jesus
 - Walking on Water
 - Matt. 14:22-33
 - Shallow faith produces great fear.
 - Failed in understanding the greatness of Jesus
 - Mountain of Transfiguration
 - Matt. 17:1-7

- Four occasions of FAILURE with Peter
 - Failed in confessing the name of Jesus
 - Denying Jesus on the night of his arrest- Matt, 26:30-35, 69-75; Luke 22:61 (Jesus turns and looks at Peter) Mark 16:7- Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee.
 - Failed in meeting the expectations of Jesus.
 - In his love for Jesus in John 21:15-19

- What Peter learned from his failures
 - Learned to trust the power of Jesus.
 - Acts 2:22-38
 - This produced courage and comfort.
 - -Acts 5:29, Acts 12:1-6
 - Learned to appreciate the greatness of Jesus.
 - II Peter 3:18- Peter's last recorded words.

- What Peter learned from his failures
 - Learned to champion the name of Jesus-
 - Acts 3:6, 4:12
 - Learned to meet the expectations of Jesus-
 - Acts 9:32 (John 21- Feed, Tend, Feed)
 - But most importantly, he learned that...
 - Jesus is always there to provide a hand of help for what we need.