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Real Hope ^{part 1}

Taking Hold of the Hope of a New Start



*The Hope
of a New Start
Requires That You...*

1. Get _____ (Luke 5:1-11)

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2. Rethink _____ (Matthew 18:21-33)

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3. Rely on _____ (John 21:1-17)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. At what points throughout your life have you most acutely felt your need for God's new starts?

Which of the three "requirements" from this weekend's sermon is most needed in your life?

2. Why do you think it is easier for us to rationalize or justify our failures than it is to admit them and confess them?
3. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. Describe a situation when you found yourself thinking like the Pharisee in this parable.

Based on Jesus' point in this parable, how would you describe to someone the importance of being honest with yourself and God about sin?

4. How do your feelings sometimes get in the way of resolutely trusting in the truth of what the Bible affirms regarding God's grace and forgiveness?
5. Write out a prayer that reflects your desire to fearlessly embrace a new start in your life.

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

March 18th

Deut. 3-4 & Lk. 2

March 19th

Deut. 5-6 & Lk. 3

March 20th

Deut. 7-8 & Lk. 4

March 21st

Deut. 9-10 & Lk. 5

March 22nd

Deut. 11-12 & Lk. 6

March 23rd

Deut. 13-14 & Lk. 7

March 24th

Deut. 15-16 & Lk. 8

March 25th

Deut. 17-18 & Lk. 9

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0411 – ***The Juxtaposition of Responsibility & Forgiveness***

CD # 0112 – ***Appreciating the High Cost of Forgiveness***

CD # 0662 – ***When God's People are Unfaithful***

CD # 0568 – ***God's Strategic Use of His Incredible Grace***

CD # 0215 - 0218 – ***All You Need: How Grace Transforms Us*** (a four-part series on 1Cor.1:4-9)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to **www.CompassBooks.org**.)

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Needham, David. ***Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle***. Multnomah Press, 1995.

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Saucy, Robert L. "'Sinners' who are Forgiven or 'Saints' who Sin?" ***Bibliotheca Sacra*** vol.152, no.608 (October 1995).

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Spurgeon, C. H. ***All of Grace***. Whitaker House, 1985.

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