



SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

Turning failures into stepping stones *Lessons from Peter's failure*

Howard Shultz was rejected by investors 217 times before he finally received funding to open his first store. He says, "*Dream more than others and think practical.*"

1. Jesus reveals that satan wants to sift Peter as wheat (Lk.22:31-34,54-62)
 - Jesus' look wasn't a condemnation, but an assurance of his love and that he was in full control of the situation.
2. **3 things responsible for Peter's failure:**
 - I. **Immaturity** - Mt.16:16; 21-23; Mt.17:1-5 (growing pains).
 - II. **Trusting in self** or self-righteousness - Pr.28:26; Lk.18:9; 2 Co.1:9
 - III. **Fear** - 2 Ti.1:7: Fear is a destructive force.
 - **We do crazy things when we're fearful.** Where fear exists, faith does not. Peter began to sink when he saw the waves. He was fearful in spite of Jesus forewarning (Lk.22:31-34,61 ESV) – (Marvin Gaye's life)
 - **Anything you greatly fear can come upon you.**
 - It's a spiritual truth. Fear is a destructive force; Faith is a spiritual force, so is fear. They're both magnets. Faith draws good things into your life, fear draws bad things. God hasn't given you the spirit of fear 2 Ti.1:7).
 - **Perfect love casts out fear** - (1Jn.4:16-19) Believe and embrace God's perfect love.
 - What does perfect love look like from God's perspective?
 - 2 thieves on the cross crucified with Jesus (Mt.27:44; Mk.15:32; Lk.23:39-43 AMPC).
3. **You have a spirit of faith.**
 - Release that faith that's in you by speaking good things over your life (2 Co.4:13).
 - Faith is like a helicopter. It has the ability to hover over an area. When the gospel is preached, faith comes like a helicopter and hovers over the person hearing the gospel.
 - If the hearer rejects the word they hear, faith goes away (Nu.13 - the bad report of the Hebrew spies; He.4:2).
4. **Jesus didn't leave Peter in a lurch**, but consoles him (Mk.16:5-7; 1Co.15:5 AMPC).
 - Jesus restores Peter into the ministry (Jn.21:15-19)
5. **He overcame fear** and was a **bold and courageous leader** in the early church who was transformed by the power of the resurrected Christ (Acts 2:14,22-24; 4:12-13).

