



Regrets

*Mark 1:15; 14:22–72; 15:3–38;
1 Peter 2:24*

The Big Idea: We all have embarrassing moments we can laugh about—later. There are shameful moments that we would give anything to undo.

The Bottom Line: While our past reminds us, it doesn't have to define us.

Introduction:

We've all had those embarrassing moments we can laugh about – later. We've had humiliating or shameful moments that are painful to remember, so we don't speak about them.

They're moments we would give anything to go back and... **Unlive or Redo!**

Simon Peter had one of these. We know this because he told us about it. He wanted us to know there is a safe place to take what's ... Shameful and **Painful** ... and leave it.

*He wants us to know that while our past reminds us,
it does not have to define us.*

If you're carrying something shameful or painful, I'm so glad you've joined us today.

Review:

In this series, we have been speaking about a story that should have died in Nero's Rome, but it didn't. It is the story of Jesus of Nazareth as told by Simon Peter dictated to and recorded by John Mark. It came to us known as the Gospel of Mark. Eventually, this first-century document was included in the Bible, but Mark wasn't writing the Bible. He was simply documenting Peter's experience as an eyewitness testimony of Jesus. Peter summarizes Jesus' message this way:

*“The time has come! The KINGDOM OF GOD is near.
REPENT and BELIEVE the good news!”
-Mark 1:15*

Last week in *God Is Closer Than You Think*, Jesus made his way from Galilee to Jerusalem. He spent a week or so disturbing the peace. The 12 disciples hoped the big reveal would be at Passover. It was, but it was not what they had expected.

It was a covenant between God and everybody. But what about the kingdom?

Tension:

Turns out there wouldn't be one. Jesus was arrested, and according to Mark 14:50, “Everyone deserted him and fled.”

It was over. He was no king, and there would be no kingdom. It was obvious to everyone at the time that God was **not** near!

Truth:

Read: Mark 14:53-71

Mark 14:72, “And Peter broke down and wept.” This was the moment Peter would give anything to go back and **Unlive** and **Redo**.

Read: Mark 15:3-32

If Jesus had saved Himself, He would have been unable to save others.

1 Peter 2:24, “He himself **bore** our sins in his body on the **tree**...”

*The Father withdrew from the Son, so
the Father could draw near to us.*

Conclusion & Application:

If it dawned on you that you actually believe, or believe again, that Jesus is who Peter says he is, the risen Savior and Son of God, repent and believe the good news. Pray and ask the Lord to come into your life and save your soul.

Next Steps:

- Memorize 1 Peter 2:24
- Repent and Believe the Good News
- Pastor, I'd like to talk with someone about baptism.

Discussion questions for group this week:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?

4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....

