

# The Book of 1 Peter

## Unsung Heroes

1 Peter 5:12-14

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### Bottom Line:

The church is composed of many unsung heroes who faithfully serve the Lord and others. Their motivation to serve in this way comes from experiencing the wonderful grace of God and the restoration power of the Gospel in their lives. We celebrate that here at Riverview Church.

**1. The church is a team, not a solo endeavor!**  
(i.e. Silas; the body of Christ) 1 Peter 5:12


#### **-Two Common Errors in the Body of Christ:**

1. The error of isolation
2. The error of passive spectating

**Relevant verses:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-10; Galatians 6:2; Hebrews 10:24-25

**- The applicational question: To whom are you a "Silas"? What ministry (or person) is counting on you to show up, to follow through, to be a faithful brother or sister?**

**2. Restoration is at the core of the Gospel and it is always the goal!** (i.e. the ministry of Mark).  
1 Peter 5:12-14; Galatians 6:1



**John Mark - Acts 12:12**  
- Church in Jerusalem was meeting in Mark's mother's home. Involved in the church from the early days!

-When Paul and Barnabas set out on their first missionary journey, **they took Mark** (Acts 12:25; 13:5).  
But at Pamphylia — **Mark quit**. He left the journey, returning to Jerusalem.



### What does restoration look like?

- Don't give up on people.
- Don't permanently define someone by their worst moment.
- Do create restoration pathways back.

### **Conclusion: Big Lessons of 1 Peter:**

- 1. Remember Who You Are in Christ!** 1 Peter 2:9-10
- 2. Live with Hope Because of Christ's Resurrection!** 1 Peter 1:3-4
- 3. Pursue Holiness in Every Area of Life!** 1 Peter 1:15-16
- 4. Stand Firm Through Trials and Suffering!** 1 Peter 4:12
- 5. Follow the Example of Christ in Humility and Submission!** 1 Peter 2:21
- 6. Love One Another Deeply!** 1 Peter 1:22
- 7. Fix Your Eyes on the Coming Glory of Christ!** 1 Peter 5:4