SCRIPTURE: John 6:1-15

**SERMON:** *The Importance of Failure!* 24 September 2017

INTRODUCTION: FAILURE IS A KEY TO SUCCESS (see Mt.14:30; Dt.8:16,5; Heb.12:7)

**TEXT: FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND** (Mt.14:13-21; Mk.6:32-44; Lk.9:10-17; Jn.6:1-15)

- **A. TOOK THE TWELVE BACK TO SCHOOL** (Mk.6:7-13,30 & 31-44; see Lk.9:1f,10f,20)
- B. SHEPHERDED SHEEP WITH SUBSTANTIAL TEACHING (Mk.6:34,35; see 31f; Jn.6:3)
- C. WORDS & WORKS CONSTANTLY TOGETHER (Mk.6:2; 12,13; 30; see 34,35f /Acts 6:3,4; Phil.1:1)
- **D. A STRATEGY FOR FAILURE** (Mt.14:16; Mk.6:37; Lk.9:13; see Jn.6:6 with Mt.4:1f; 6:13/1Pt.1:7)
- **E. THE GIFT OF SUCCESS** (Mt.14:19; Mk.6:41; Lk.9:16; Jn.6:11&4)

## LESSON: BY GRACE, THROUGH FAILURE!

- **A. ADAM:** *FAILED* (Rom.5:12f; see Gen.3:1f)
- **B. PATRIARCHS:** *FAILED* (Gen.12:11f; 26:7f; 27:12f)
- **C. AARON:** *FAILED* (Ex.32:24,1f; Num.20:11f,24)
- **D. MOSES:** *FAILED* (Num.27:14 (20:11f); Dt.32:51; Ps.106:32)
- **E. DAVID:** *FAILED* (2Sam.11:1f; 1Kngs.15:5)
- F. HEZEKIAH: FAILED (Is.39:1f)
- **G. JONAH:** *FAILED* (Jon.1:1f)
- **H. RULER: FAILED** (Mk.10:21f,17f)
- **I. PETER:** *FAILED* (Mt.26:33f,75)
- **J. PAUL:** *FAILED* (Phil.3:4f,8)
- **K. YOU:** *FAILED* (Mk.6:37; see Rom.2:1,17-24; 3:9-20; Eph.2:1-3)
- **J. JESUS:** SUCCEEDED! (Mk.6:41; see 14:22f; Jn.6:4; see Rom.3:21f; Eph.2:4f; see Heb.4:15; 5:8; 7:26f; 9:12f)

## **USE:** LOOK TO JESUS FOR HIS SUCCESS!

- A. LOOK TO JESUS TO DELIVER YOU FROM YOUR FAILURE & GIVE YOU HIS SUCCESS (Jn.6:6; Mk.6:37,41; Heb.12:7; Dt.8:16,17; see Rom.3:22-24; 2Cor.5:21)
- B. LOOK TO JESUS TO RECEIVE FROM HIM WHAT YOU NEED IN ORDER TO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS (Mk.6:37,41; see Jn.15:5; 2Cor.3:5; 12:9f; Phil.4:13)
- C. LOOK TO JESUS FOR HIS GIFTS FOR SERVICE AND USE THEM TO SERVE (Mk.6:37,41; see 1Cor.12:7,25; Eph.4:7f; 1Pt.4:10,11; see 1Cor.4:7)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)