

## I Peter 5:12, 13 – THE ESSENTIAL “SECOND FIDDLE”

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The bottom line is this: Silas and Mark teach us that success is not measured by what we can do \_\_\_\_\_, but by what we can do \_\_\_\_\_.

### I. SILAS

Acts 15:22 - 40 - Silas is called a “chief man” (KJV) “Leader” (NIV) at the church in Jerusalem.

Acts 16 - In prison with Paul at Philippi, and was with him in Corinth (18:5)  
Mentioned in I & II Thess 1:1; II Cor. 1:19

#### A. The importance of supportive work

I Cor. 12:22-25 (the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable...)

I Sam. 30:24 – (Message) The share of the one who stays with the gear is the share of the one who fights—equal shares.

#### B. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ I Cor. 4:2

### II. JOHN MARK Acts 15:37-40

After Acts 15, we don't hear from Mark for about 12 years, then mentioned in connection with Paul's first imprisonment in Rome (Col. 4), where Paul says he was a comfort to him. II Tim. 4:11 - “he is helpful to me in my ministry”

### LESSONS:

A. It is possible to overcome past \_\_\_\_\_

B. There is \_\_\_\_\_ in supportive ministry

There are all sorts of work that contribute to the same end - all are really \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK! (Who flew the kite?)

C. Faithfulness in \_\_\_\_\_ things (as WE view smaller/larger) leads to enlarged ministry.

Luke 16:10 - “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much; and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

Matt. 25:21 - “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.”

