

Hope Chapel's Summer Series: *Falling Up; Learning from Failures*

Message Summary: In this new series, **Falling Up; Learning from Failures**, we will learn how to fly by looking at those who fell. We've all had to learn a few lessons the hard way, but it's far better to learn from someone else's mistakes. The Bible is full of stories we can glean from both positive and negative about what to do and what not to do. One of the starkest truths we find in the Bible is its brutal honesty—it never flatters its heroes, and it never glosses over its villains. Why? So we can learn from their failures and not repeat them. The first "fall" was the worst, making way for every fall thereafter. Today we consider how Lucifer became Satan.

The Cosmic Fall; The Eternal Failure Isaiah 14:12-17

1. His dwelling was in Heaven (v. 12)

2. His domain is on Earth (v. 12b)

3. His destiny will be Hell (v. 15)

4. His downfall was his Pride (vv. 13-14)

The Antidote to Pride:

- Prayer voices your dependence on God.
- Give God your praise and worship.
- Give words of encouragement to people.
- Perform acts of service not assigned to you.

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent praising the Lord with opening prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) – Why are we typically afraid to disclose our weaknesses to each other?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Read Isaiah 14:12-17 and review Sunday's sermon outline together allowing for individual questions, comments and contributing thoughts.

1. What does this message teach us about the problem of pride and where it originates?
2. How has this teaching changed your understanding of the effects of pride?
3. Is there anything that applies directly to you from what you have learned?
4. What did God reveal to you in this sermon or through the LifeGroup discussion?

APPLY IT (15min) – Using "The Antidote to Pride" list, what area do you want to apply more frequently to your life?