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# RE- FLECTING GOD

**10/15/14 - Starting At Failure**

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Romans 3:1-20

Paul writes some fairly depressing words in Romans 3. Then again, they are not his words. They are a montage of phrases from the Psalms put together as a reminder that people have failed from the very beginning of time. Imagine coming to your first day of class with an F and spending the rest of the semester trying to raise your grade to an acceptable level. The apostle notes that we all start with a failing grade before a holy God and do not have the aptitude to make up the difference. What hope is there?

One encouragement comes from realizing that you are not experiencing the problem alone. Everyone else in the class is flunking as well. The apostle's words are a somber reminder that our failure is deep and our need is great.

However, his words should also remind us that the more fully we see our failure, the more fully prepared we will be to seek and find God's answer for us. Good self-awareness will lead us to good God-awareness if we realize that He alone is the answer.

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