

A dark silhouette of a horse in profile, facing right, set against a black background. The horse's form is highlighted with a subtle glow. Overlaid on the horse's body is the text "DARK HORSES" in a stylized, glowing green font. The letters are composed of multiple parallel lines, giving them a 3D, neon-like appearance.

DARK HORSES

John Mark

Acts, Colossians,
2 Timothy, 1 Peter

John Mark

- **John - His Hebrew name means Yahweh is gracious**
- **Mark - Greek/Roman name may indicate that his father was Roman**
- **Mark's mother's name is Mary - Acts 12:12**
 - **She is a godly woman**
 - **May have been a wealthy family**

John Mark

- **Related to Barnabas (cousin) - Colossians 4:10**
- **Some connection with Peter - 1 Peter 5:13**

- **When Peter miraculously escapes from prison he goes directly to Mary's (Mark's mother) house where there is a large group gathered for prayer. Acts 12:1-17**
- **When Paul and Barnabas were commissioned to minister the gospel Mark was part of the team that went. Acts 13:1-3**

- **For an unknown reason Mark left the team to return to Jerusalem**
- **There are many opinions as to why this occurred**
 - **Fear**
 - **Jealousy**
 - **Homesick**
 - **Racism**

- **Paul and Barnabas completed their first missionary journey and when preparing for their second Barnabas wanted to bring Mark along.**
- **Paul refused and the dispute was so great that the two parted ways**
- **Luke the writer of Acts follows and records the journeys of Paul and Silas**

- **Some years later Paul asks Timothy to Mark to him because “he is helpful to me in my ministry.” 2 Timothy 4:11**
- **John Mark becomes the writer of the Gospel of Mark**

Get Back In The Game

- **Restoration - the biblical meaning of the word "restoration" is to receive back more than has been lost to the point where the final state is greater than the original condition.**
- **The main point is that someone or something is improved beyond measure.**

Get Back In The Game

- **My Story**

- **1987 (13) - called to minister to youth**
- **1996 (22) - graduated VFCC**
- **1997 - 2008 (23-34) - 1st full time position as youth pastor**
 - **Fine Arts Coordinator**
 - **Sectional Youth Representative**
 - **Children's Church Leader**

Get Back In The Game

- **2005-06 church began to struggle financially**
- **2007 I began asking God for a way out**
- **Sept 2008 - 2011 Taught at Carlisle Christian Academy**
- **2011-2013 Therapeutic Staff Support**
- **May 2013 begin preaching at LCC as guest speaker**
- **October 2013 voted in as Lead Pastor**

Get Back In The Game

- **God gives us second chances**
- **Surround yourself with people of godly character**
 - **Get a mentor, become a mentor**
- **Get your passion back**
 - **spiritual field trip**
- **Begin with the opportunities that are right in front of you**