



Overcoming Failure

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WHY DOES FAILURE DEVASTATE US?

- 1. Failure points to our _____.
(Philippians 3:14-16 NLT)
- 2. Failure makes us think we are _____.
(Judges 6:14-15 NLT)

APPLICATION: HOW CAN I OVERCOME FAILURE?

- 1. Place God at the _____ of my life.
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT)
- 2. Realize that my failure is not _____.
(Proverbs 24:16 NLT, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 NLT)
- 3. Let my failure be a catalyst for _____.
(Romans 5:3-5a NLT)

BIBLICAL PERSON	FAILURE(S)	OUTCOME
David	Coveted, adultery, stealing, lying, and murder.	Repented of sin, followed God, became a man after God's own heart.
Elijah	Cracked under pressure, lost his confidence, no longer wanted to do God's will.	He rested in the Lord, regained his courage and strength, fulfilled God's purpose and plan.
John Mark	Deserted Paul and Barnabas and quit when the going got tough.	Mended his relationship with Paul and brought Paul great comfort later in life.
Paul	Responsible for killing, torturing, and imprisoning Christians.	Gave his life to Christ, repented of his past sins, and went on to write the majority of the New Testament.
Peter	Pride and denied Christ three times.	Repented and became the first of the twelve disciples that Jesus appeared to, became leader of the disciples, and preached first evangelical message to more than 3,000 people.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
- 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
- 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

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