



Failures in our lives can make us or break us. It all depends on how we respond to them.

- Failure is unavoidable.
- Failure is not the enemy.
- Failure is not irreversible.

The good news is that our God is a God of second chances. He can take our failures and turn them into growing opportunities.

I John 1:8-9

Learning from Peter's failure (Luke 22:31-34, 54-62):

1. Satan desires to use our failure to destroy us, but God desires to use our failure to build us. Luke 22:31
 - John 10:10 – *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*
 - Satan will use our failure to accuse us and condemn us. He wants us to believe that we are failures.
2. Don't allow your faith to fail in the midst of your failure. Luke 22:32
 - God forgives our failures. Romans 8:1
 - God will work through our failures to refine us. James 1:2-4
 - God will use our failures to prepare us for future assignments. Acts 2:14-41

3. It is what we do after we fail that really matters. Luke 22:32
 - Judas failed by betraying Jesus and Peter failed by denying Jesus. Judas committed suicide and Peter became the leader of the early Church.
 - “There are many ways to be a winner, but there is really only one way to be a loser and that is to fail and not look beyond the failure.” Kyle Rote Jr.

God is greater than our failure and has provided a way for...

1. Forgiveness

- Lamentations 3:22-23 – *“Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*
- Psalm 103:10-12

2. Refinement

- “Whenever you fall down make sure you always pick something up.” Dr. John Maxwell
- James 1:2-4

3. Reconciliation

- John 21:7
- If your failure has detrimentally affected someone else, you need to seek forgiveness from the offended person. Matthew 5:23-24

4. Restoration

- Acts 2:14-41
- If you get stuck in the failures of yesterday, it will rob you of the potential of today.

Answers to blanks: 1. Unavoidable 2. Enemy 3. Irreversible 4. Second chances 5. Destroy, Build 6. We 7. Faith, Fail 8. Forgives 9. Work Through 10. Future Assignments 11. After we fail 12. Suicide, leader 13. Forgiveness 14. Refinement 15. Reconciliation 16. Seek Forgiveness 17. Restoration 18. Potential