

DEALING WITH FAILURE!

"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:" (Proverbs 24:16)

Why we fail!

"My friends be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything." **James 1:2-4**

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death." **James 1:13**

Accepting failure as Gods opportunity to shine!

"Three times I begged the Lord to make this suffering go away. But he replied, "My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak." So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am." **2 Corinthians 12:8-9**

The fact that you are still alive proves Gods mercy!

"The Lord's kindness never fails! If he had not been merciful, we would have been destroyed. The LORD can always be trusted to show mercy each morning." **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Gods promise to you!

"But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away." **1 John 1:9**

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." **Psalms 103:12**

Guidelines for when people fail you!

"Don't be happy to see your enemies' trip and fall down. The LORD will find out and be unhappy. Then he will stop being angry with them." **Proverbs 24:17-18**

"Hatred stirs up trouble; love overlooks the wrongs that others do." **Proverbs 10:12**

"Most important of all, you must sincerely love each other, because love wipes away many sins." **1 Peter 4:8**

Ephesians 4:22-24 + Colossians 3:9

"You were told that your foolish desires will destroy you and that you must give up your old way of life with all its bad habits. Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy. And stop lying to each other. You have given up your old way of life with its habits. Each of you is now a new person. You are becoming more and more like your Creator and you will understand him better."

Questions on Failure

Matthew 17:14-21

Disciple failed to cast out demons,

Q) Why?

Q) What did Jesus say needed to happen?

Mathew 14:28-31

Peter sank in the water,

Q) Why?

Q) What did Peter do wrong?

Now read **Psalms 34**

Words of encouragement

Don't give up!

Philippians' 3:12-14

"I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done."

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