

Got HOPE?

Our Failures - **God's Grace**

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How to **Overcome** the Fear of **Failure**

1. Remember, Everybody Fails

James 3:2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.

2. Realize it's not Fatal

Proverbs 24:16 The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

3. Recognize the Benefits - God Uses Failure To:

Educate Me

Proverbs 28:13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

Motivate Me

Proverbs 20:30 Blows that wound cleanse away evil, and strokes [for correction] reach to the innermost parts. (Amp)

Build my Character

Romans 5:3-4 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

4. I Need to Rest in God's Grace

Psalms 103:14 For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

Ephesians 2:8-9 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Titus 3:4-7 But—"When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he

declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Examples of **God's Grace**:

Levi , the tax collector

Luke 5:27-32

Zacchaeus, the tax collector

Luke 19:9-10

The woman who wept at Jesus' feet

Luke 7:48, 50

The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well

John 4:1-26

Saul , the persecutor of the church

Acts 9:1-19