

Failing Towards Success

Who said it?

“I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot... and missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why... I succeed.”

Failure is a part of life, we all fail!

- We are _____, all of us. Romans 3:23, 10-12
- Believers struggle in our flesh, which is contaminated with sin. Romans 7:15-25
- We mess up in our marriages and _____.
- We attempt things that don't go well.

Biblical failures...

- Peter _____ on water? Matthew 14:22-33
- Peter's God inspired confession! Matthew 16:13-17
- Peter rebukes _____. Matthew 16:21-23
- Peter at the Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-8
- Inability to cast out a _____. Matthew 17:14-20
- Children rebuked. Matthew 19:13-15
- Peter's denials Matthew 26:69-75

Lessons from these biblical events...

- Failure brought a fresh _____ on God!
- Failure isn't always the case when we are walking with Jesus.
- Failure became an opportunity to _____.
- Failure didn't stop them or make them quit.
- Failure can be a chance to receive and give _____.

Some things we can count on...

- The question is not, “will I ever fail”, rather, “how will I respond to failure”!
Job 14:1
- We will get better and bolder or backwards and bitter!
Failing Forward... Taking responsibility, learning from each mistake, knowing failure is a part of progress, maintaining a positive attitude, challenging outdated assumptions, taking new risks, believing something didn't work, persevering...

Failing Backward... Blaming others, repeating the same mistakes, expecting never to fail again, expecting to continually fail, accepting tradition blindly, being limited by past mistakes, thinking I am a failure, quitting.

(Taken from an article based on the book, “Failing Forward”, by John Maxwell)

- God works in our failures to make us a _____! Romans 8:28
- God's promise to make us a success! Romans 8:29; Philippians 1:6
- God wants us to take a risk on Him and for Him! Hebrews 11:6

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