



Part 3: Weathering the Storm of Failure

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Scripture: Matthew 26:31–35, 69–75; Mark 16:1–7; John 21:15–17

Three truths about failure

1. _____ we're going to fail.
2. God is more interested in our _____ to our failures.
3. With God, our failure doesn't have to be _____.

Bottom Line

God is a God of _____!

Talk It Over

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. When it comes to assessing your own shortcomings or failures, are you more like Fonzie from Happy Days (never about to admit you are wrong) or like Eeyore from the Winnie the Pooh stories (always assuming that you are wrong or the cause of everything bad)? Explain.
3. When you do experience failure, are you more likely to get right back up and try again or stay down and wallow in the failure?
4. Read Matthew 26:31–35 and 69–75. With which part of Peter's story do you most identify—his misplaced self-confidence, his denials of Jesus when the going got tough, his bitter tears of remorse, or something else? Why?
5. C.S. Lewis said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." Do you agree? How can God use our failures or difficult experiences to draw us to Himself?
6. Read Mark 16:6–7, John 21:15–17 & Luke 16:11–24. What do these verses tell us about God's attitude toward us when we fail?
7. What does it mean to you that God is a God of second chances? Do you find it easy or difficult to embrace the idea that God loves you and will forgive you no matter what? Why?