

ENDGAME Failure Isn't Fatal

Failure Happens on this side of heaven.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23 (NLT)

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33b (NLT)

...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:12-14 (ESV)**

HOW TO COPE WITH FAILURE:

<u>Decide</u> that failure is not the <u>final</u> act.

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

Overcome the fear of failure by choosing to try again.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. **2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)**

HOW TO OVERCOME OUR FAILURES:

1. Get God's help.

A. Christ

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we **confess** our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)

B. Other believers.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16 (NLT)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)**

2. Get back in motion, and on mission, with God.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)**

Going deeper on your own. In this week's message Pastor Rusty said, "Just because we have failed does not mean we have to be a failure." Pastor Jay said, "The only true failure is the one we don't place in God's hands." Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Have you ever thought that God could make something great out of your failure? Read 2 Corinthians 1:3, ask God to reveal any failure that may be weighing you down. Confess it to Him. Now go to another brother or sister in Christ and confess it to them and ask for forgiveness. Pray together asking God to now set you free and use this past mistake to help someone else. Write to us at *Stories@CenterPointChurch.com* and tell us what God has done for you through this week's message.