Life After Failure

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INTRODUCTION

- Failure is a part of life. And some of the greatest success stories in our own country have risen out of failure.
- Just because we have failed does not mean we're finished.
- The question is not, am I going to fail? The question is, what am I going to do after that? Because God gives life after failure.

1 Failure Is Why We Need God

1 Timothy 1:13–15; Romans 3:23

- If we were perfect people, what would we need him for?
- Christ Jesus came into the world to save who? Sinners. That was the whole purpose of his coming, to seek and to save failures.
- That's why we need a Savior, because all of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.
- It's that he says, I was formerly. That's what I used to be. But it's not who I am now.
- I was shown mercy, verse 13. The grace of the Lord was more than abundant, verse 14. His perfect patience, verse 15. That's his new life.
- If God can forgive and use a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent aggressor of his own people. Please tell me, what sin is there in your past that he cannot forgive?

2 Failure Does Not Mean God Is Finished With You

Luke 5:1–10; Acts 2

- Just because you have fallen and failed does not mean God has no more use for you that he's finished with you.
- But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.
- Look what the Lord said to Peter verse 10 do not fear. From now on, you will be catching men. From now on, there is the life after failure.
- The question is, what are you going to do from now on?
- Preaching the gospel in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost and snatched 3,000 souls alive and gave them life after failure.

3 Failure Does Not Have to Define You

2 Samuel 11; Acts 13:36

- Failure does not have to be your defining characteristic.
- And God restored to him what he wanted most, the joy of thy salvation.

- Here's how he described David. Not by his failure, but what he did after.
- Paul said in Acts 13 and verse 36, he served the purposes of God in his own generation.
- How do you want to be remembered? Not that you were a perfect person, but that you served God's purposes.
- And yes, that meant there were times that you fell down, but you didn't stay down. You got back up after failure.

MY NOTES