

What If I Fail?

- Introduction:
1. We often allow our past failures haunt us, our present failures torment us, and our future failures worry us.
 2. It's surprising to many how that the Bible does not gloss over the failures of its major characters.
 3. Maybe there's a purpose in this to give us hope.
 4. While the Bible doesn't give us a formula for overcoming failure in five easy steps, it does indeed give us some principles, if followed, will help us overcome our failures.

I. Accept The Love And Forgiveness Of Christ

- A. Jesus died for your sins (Romans 5:8).
- B. His blood cleanses us from all our past failures (Romans 5:9).
- C. Like the father in the story of the prodigal son, he will forgive us and welcome us back home.
- D. The image of God is one of a Father who pities his children (Ps. 103:13).

II. Move Beyond Your Past Failures

- A. While I know that this is easier said than done, it can be done.
- B. You can choose what to think about, and what to spend your time meditating upon.
- C. (Philippians 3:13).

III. Do The Best You Can With What You Have

- A. Never measure yourself against another person (Galatians 6:4).
- B. (2 Corinthians 8:12).
- C. Measuring yourself against another person will never be good for you will either feel superior or inferior.

IV. Be Persistent

- A. There is a great difference in failing and being a failure.
- B. (Romans 8:37).
- C. (1 Corinthians 15:58).

V. Learn From Your Mistakes

- A. Never be afraid to admit you were wrong, for it means that you are wiser than you were.
- B. John Mark (Acts 13:13; 15:37-39; 2 Timothy 4:1).

- Conclusion:
1. No one is a failure who has Jesus as their Lord.
 2. And contrary, no one is a success who does not have Jesus as their Lord.