



Hope through our
[Failure]

Failure is a scar that isn't fatal

The Scriptures teach that just as success is never final so too **failure is not fatal**. Failure, like scars, don't go away but they can shrink as we grow in the power of grace.

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.

Acts 15:37-40

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.

2 Timothy 4:11

My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

Colossians 4:10

Failure isn't always a sign that we can't cut it. We neither forget failure nor allow it to define us. Rather, we **grow through it** without having to hide it.

Get up and eat, for the journey is too much
for you.

1 Kings 19:7b

Burnout is only permanent if we allow it to be. Don't listen to everything that you are tempted to believe when you are exhausted. Take time to **care for yourself** and then get back at it as Elijah did.

Failure is a sin that can be forgiven

While the consequences after our failure on others is beyond our control, **our response** to our failure before others restores God's control.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15-17

For those who put their faith and trust in Christ later in life, there are bound to be reasons you feel unfit for salvation and unqualified for service. The Gospel is powerful enough to **save** you and **rescue** your relationships.

Psalm 51:1-5,10-14

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the

time my mother conceived me. ... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51:1-5,10-14

Repentance **saves us**, not from the consequences of our actions but the eternal judgment for them.

Failure is a test that can be overcome

Failure is a test that brings us to the end of ourselves. If we embrace that test, we switch from trying to love God to allowing God to love us.

Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

Peter's failure didn't disqualify him from Christ's plans. Neither does your failure disqualify you.

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 22:31-32

People experience **hope through their failure**,
when we, when failed, act like the Jesus we
want to be more like.



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