

## GROWTH & LEADERSHIP

Reading: Micah 7:8

Topic: Dealing with Failures

**Introduction:** Human beings are prone to \_\_\_\_\_. In fact there are few godly men and women of God failed but at the end they still come out \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. Failure

1. Have you ever heard the saying, "Once a \_\_\_\_\_, always a \_\_\_\_\_? Unfortunately, too many people tend to take this literally to the point where they start thinking they'll never \_\_\_\_\_ again.
2. Such \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts serve to do nothing but hold you back. Once this mindset takes over, you'll be crippled by an overwhelming fear that'll prevent you from reaching your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If you are to move \_\_\_\_\_ and be successful in the end, you've got to overcome such thoughts and replace them with positive ones and have faith. Heb 11:1

### B. Examples of Men of God who failed

#### DAVID

1. David was \_\_\_\_\_ king of Israel after King Saul was rejected by God. 1 Samuel 16:13
2. Although it was not easy for him, after the death of Saul finally he became king and ruled Judah first then the whole \_\_\_\_\_ Israel. 2 Samuel 2:4-7, 5:1-3
3. During his reign he \_\_\_\_\_ God badly by committing adultery and setting up her husband to be killed in the battle when he refused to sleep with his wife. 2 Samuel 11:1-4, 13-15

#### SAMSON

1. Samson was a Nazarite; it means he was \_\_\_\_\_ to the service of God. Judges 13:5-7, 24
2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ used of God. Judges 13:24-25
3. He failed God when he started to mess up with \_\_\_\_\_ women. Judges 14:1-3, Judges 16:1, 4
4. He fell in love with Delilah and told her the secret of his \_\_\_\_\_ and he was captured and became blind. Judges 16:16-21

#### PETER

1. Peter was one of Jesus' Apostles who received a \_\_\_\_\_ of who Jesus is. Matthew 4:18-19, 16:15-19
2. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus that he was with Him in the Mount of transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-4
3. When Jesus was telling His disciples that he will be forsaken of men, Peter said he would not \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. Matthew 26:31-35
4. When Jesus was captured by the soldiers, Peter fled and he \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. Matthew 26:69-75

### C. What to do after Failure

1. What to do after you failed will determine if your \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ or just a stepping stone.
2. First of all you must take personal responsibility for your \_\_\_\_\_.
3. After David failed and \_\_\_\_\_ against God, Prophet Nathan came to him and told him a story. 2 Samuel 12:1-7
4. David right away took personal \_\_\_\_\_ for his action and God forgave him. 2 Samuel 12:13

5. Saul failed God and \_\_\_\_\_ the people for his failure and because of that he was rejected of God. 1Samuel 15:13-24

6. Don't make excuses for your \_\_\_\_\_; Repent and accept any mistakes you may have made, and focus on learning from them.

#### **D. When Failure becomes a Victory**

1. If you \_\_\_\_\_ and truly repented and get right with God again, He can use you better than before.

2. Samson \_\_\_\_\_ God and was captured and became slave but he did not allow his failure to be his final destiny. Judges 16:22-30.

3. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus but he did not allow that failure to determine his future. He repented, came back to the Ministry and later on preached on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:1-4, 12-18

#### **E. When Failure becomes a Failure**

1. Your response after you \_\_\_\_\_ will determine if your failure is a failure.

2. Judas \_\_\_\_\_ God by betraying and selling Jesus to the enemies for thirty pieces of silver. Matthew 26:14-16

3. When Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to die by crucifixion, Judas was so devastated, repented but did not do the right action after he failed. Matthew 27:1-5

4. Jesus needed Judas to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_, but Judas wrong action after that \_\_\_\_\_ sent him to eternal hell.

Did you ask this question? What if Judas went back with the Apostles and stayed with them until Jesus was resurrected. For sure the Lord will forgive him and used him mightily.

**Conclusion:** As Christians we should endeavor to live \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before God but when you fall, repent, arise and walk with God again. Micah 7:8