

Midweek Study

Finding Hope in Failure

Day One – Fear of Failure

Read Ecclesiastes 7:20; Hebrews 6:18-20

In what area of your life do you most fear failure? How has this fear impacted you in this area of your life? What steps can you take to strengthen your hope in this area?

Pray and give God your fear. Talk to God about your worries and concerns. Commit to spending time each day this week praying and giving God your fear and thanking Him for the hope we have in Him as our Anchor.

Day Two – Learning from Failure

Read Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 6:18-20

Reflect on the verses in Proverbs. How do you trust in the Lord when you fail? Do you ask God to help you understand your shortcomings? Do you run to the anchor of hope described in Hebrews when you fall short?

Pray and take the time to talk to God. Ask for His wisdom and direction in your shortcomings and failures. Ask God what you are supposed to learn. Reach out to God, declare He is your anchor and submit your life to Him. Seek His direction and path for your life.

Day Three – Forgetting Failures; Moving Forward

Read Philippians 3:13-14; Hebrews 6:18-20

Reflect on Philippians 3:13-14. How do you forget your failures? How do you put them behind you and move forward? Do you get stuck in your failures or have a difficult time letting go? What does moving towards a higher goal look like?

Pray and thank God for His promised Hope. Spend time praying, listening, and asking God for direction. Seek His direction for moving forward towards what God has for you. As often as possible, give God thanks and praise for His faithfulness to help us move forward.

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Hebrews 6:18-20 (MSG)

We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us...

1. Failure is part of life.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NIV)

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.

2. Failure provides the opportunity to learn and grow.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

3. Failure pushes us toward a higher goal.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.