

- Jan. 8 NO FEAR OF FAILURE
- Jan. 15 NO FEAR OF JUDGMENT
- Jan. 22 NO FEAR OF POVERTY
- Jan. 29 NO FEAR OF DEATH



It won't
work
out

The fear of failure
presumes defeat

The Bible says that “all have fallen short....” The distance between our shortcomings and God’s perfection is made up only by the cross of Christ.



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“According to the Bible, there is nothing wrong with realistically acknowledging and trying to deal with the identifiable problems of life. To ignore danger is foolish and wrong. But it is also wrong, as well as unhealthy, to be immobilized by excessive worry. Such worry must be committed to prayer to God, who can release us from paralyzing fear or anxiety, and free us to deal realistically with the needs and welfare both of others and of ourselves.” (Dr. Gary R. Collins, *Christian Counseling*, p. 66.)

Five Debilitating Effects from the Chronic Fear of Failure

1. Lost opportunities
2. Unnecessary stress
3. Loss of confidence
4. Slave to twisted perceptions
5. Faith not exercised

Five Reasons Not to Fear Failure

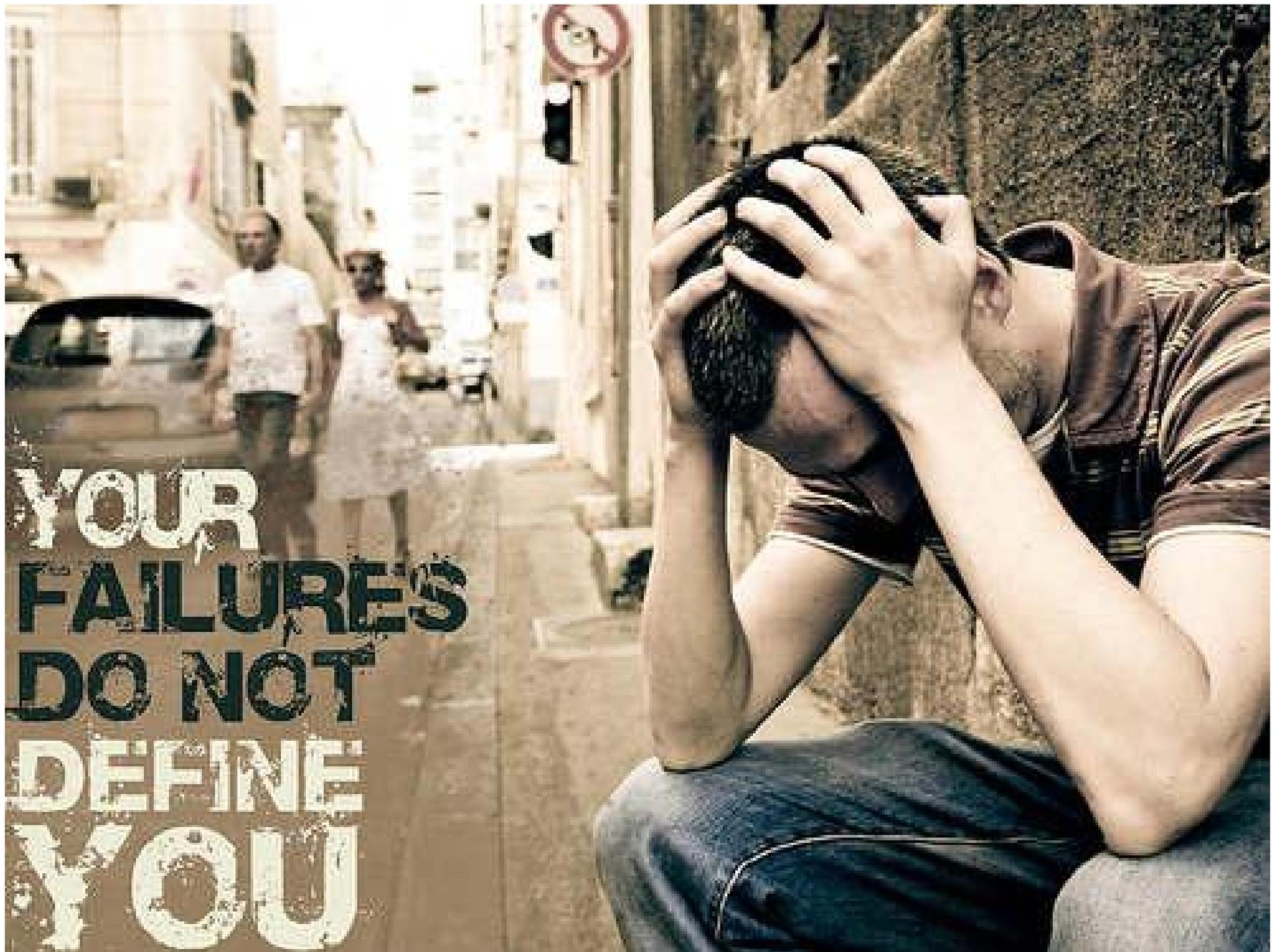
1. Failure can be a growth experience
2. Failure's aftermath is seldom as devastating as feared
3. Failure can be managed
4. Failure can open unexpected doors
5. Failure cannot separate us from the love and grace of God.

Fear in the Bible

1. Fear is the first human emotion mentioned in Scripture, a result of the fall of Adam & Eve (Gen. 3: 10)
2. The fear of God is the only “sanctioned” fear in the Bible.
3. Fear is portrayed as faith’s antithesis.
4. Fear is often the door to disobedience and rebellion against God.

Four Stories of Fear of Failure in the Bible

- Jacob and Esau
- Moses and Pharaoh
- David and Goliath
- Peter and Jesus



**YOUR
FAILURES
DO NOT
DEFINE
YOU**

A list of Abraham Lincoln's Failures

- Lost job, 1832
- Defeated for legislature, 1832
- Failed in business, 1833
- Elected to legislature, 1834 - defeated for Speaker, 1838
- Sweetheart (Ann Rutledge) died, 1835
- Had nervous breakdown, 1836
- Defeated for nomination for Congress, 1843
- Elected to Congress, 1846 - Lost renomination, 1848
- Rejected for Land Officer, 1849
- Defeated for Senate, 1854
- Defeated for nomination for Vice-President, 1856
- Again defeated for Senate, 1858
- Elected President, 1860

The Man in the Arena

Excerpt from a speech by Theodore Roosevelt

"Citizenship In A Republic"

delivered at the Sorbonne, in Paris, France on 23 April, 1910

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds;

who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

By the way...

In 1912, two years after he made this speech, Theodore Roosevelt ran for President of the United States and lost.

“I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

– Michael Jordan

**Scriptures to
Conquer Our
Fear of Failure**

- *“So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:6).*
- *“...put your hope in the LORD both now and forevermore.” (Psalm 131:1)*
- *“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).*

- *“I can do everything through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).*
- *“I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears” (Ps. 34:4).*
- *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).*