

HOW TO FACE FAILURE AND RECOVER FROM IT

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Jesus said, "I desire mercy not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mt.9:13). Sin keeps us separated from God, but Jesus came to bring sinners to repentance and restore the relationship with Him. Our sins bring problems in our lives, a testing to develop a deeper trust in the Lord. Therefore, we must repent and cry out to Him, so that He can unveil His glorious wisdom, love and power.

A. People who faced failure, though tried their best to avoid falling, are now transformed to a new life:

1. The parents that are losing the battle with their kids have taught their kids by example on respect and obedience and close monitoring will help.
2. The Christians who tried their best to live what they believe but failed the test have learned to be firm with resolutions and promises will make them better persons.
3. The couples who struggled to keep their marriage have found strength from God to keep away from addiction and bad habits through trust, submission, and surrender to God's words.
4. Young people who could not say "no" to their friends of bad influence realized that they should avoid friends who lure them to temptations. Instead, they should be invited to join the TLF community.

B. Causes of downfalls or failures:

1. Wrong foundation. Our foundation should be the Word of God.
2. Pride (Jer.50:32; Prov. 16:18)
3. Perversion (Prov.28:18)
4. Lack of prayer (Mt.26:41)
5. Sin (Rom.3:23)
6. Lack of spiritual preparation
7. Disobedience. (1Pt.2:8; Heb.4:11)

C. Precautions to avoid falling:

1. Build your life on the strong foundation: The Word of God (Mt. 7:25).

2. Be firm with your spiritual identity(2Pt.1:10).
3. Be on guard (2Pt.3:17).
4. Be careful (1Cor.10:12).
5. Have faith in God (Ps.27:1).

D. Hope and recovery when we fall:

We should remember God's promises. If we have problems, we should not forget there are thousands of God's promises which we can claim in our prayer. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down (Ps.145:140).

CONCLUSION:

Failure is inevitable. God has allowed us to experience fall, but He is always there watching us ready to help us. He hears our cries of unhappiness, pain, frustration and fear. His listening ear is always open to our prayers, and His loving heart wants to embrace us as we cry on His shoulder. Therefore, we must repent from our sins and have the passion to love others as Jesus loves us.

REFLECTION:

1. Describe one of your most difficult challenges.
2. How was your trust in God during that time?
3. How did you overcome your doubts and fears during that time?

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