



How to Recover from Failure 01.14.24

START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

When someone comes to you with a problem, are you a “fixer” or a “listener”?

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read Hebrews 7:25.

Understand that Jesus is praying for us right now -- take a moment and let that sink in. Fully absorb the truth of Jesus' action for you.

- How could this truth change our perspective when we fail?

START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

On page two, the five things that Jesus does for Peter are listed.

- What are the five things that Jesus does for Peter and in turn does for us when we fail? Which one impacts you the most when you think about failure?
- Jesus uses our collective failures to build Pathways. Where have you seen this play out in your life or someone else's life?
- Judas and Peter responded to failure differently. Judas gave up. Peter got up.
 - Share a time when you responded like Judas or Peter. What could the results have been if you would have responded differently?
- Why is it important that we understand what Jesus says to us when we fail?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

“God, there’s no way I deserve Your forgiveness. I really blew it. I don’t deserve Your mercy. Your grace. But, You are a kind God. You are a loving God. You are a merciful and forgiving God. So, here’s my failure. Here’s my pain. I’m throwing myself on Your mercy. I need a fresh start. I can’t earn it. I don’t deserve it. But I’m going to ask You to do what You love to do, which is to show mercy.”

Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Pray for our upcoming message series called “A New Beginning - The Story of Ezra.”



The five things that Jesus does for Peter:

1. He isn't shocked.

Psalm 103:14 (NLT) – For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

2. He prays for us.

Hebrews 7:25 (NIV) – Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

3. He believes in us.

Proverbs 24:16 (NIV) – For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

Mark 16:7 (NIV) – But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

4. He shows us mercy when we're down.

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV) – If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

5. He uses our failure to build His church!

Matthew 16:18 (NIV) – And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Acts 2:14 (NIV) – Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd.