**TITLE: GOD’S ANSWERS TO LIFE’S DIFFICULT QUESTIONS**

**SESSION TWO: HOW CAN I REBOUND FROM FAILURE?**

**KEY VERSE: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love**

 **him. . .**

 **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Only way to never fail is to never try anything new. Failure is a part of life. If you don’t fail, then you’re not really trying. If you want to rebound from a failure, you must first get over the fear of failing again.

 **25** “I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. . .’ **26**His master replied,

 You wicked, lazy servant!’”

 **Matthew 25:25-26 (NIV)**

**HOW TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF FAILURE**

1. **Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

The failure rate of human beings is 100 percent. Nobody is perfect.

 We all stumble in many ways.

 **James 3:2 (NIV)**

1. **Remember Failure Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

If fear of failure is worse than failure itself.

 For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again . . .

 **Proverbs 24:16 (NIV)**

History books are filled with biographies of people who failed, got up, kept going, and eventually succeeded.

 And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up.

 **Galatians 6:9(LB)**

**3. Recognize the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Failure.**

 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him. . .

 **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

 “All things” includes failure.

 **Benefits of Failure:**

* Failure \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Failure develops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Failure helps us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Failure makes us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**4.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Failure**

Failure is not falling short of your dream----failure is not even having a dream to begin with.

 I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept

the faith.

 **2 Timothy 4:7 (GNT)**

**5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yourself to Others**

 Let everyone . . . [do] his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction

 of work done well and won’t need to compare himself with someone else.

 **Galatians 6:4 (LB)**

Success is doing your best. Failure is not making the effort. When you compare

 yourself with others you set yourself up for the fear of failure.

**6. Replace Fear with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

 **Philippians 4:13 (GNT)**

**DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

1.) What does failure mean to you? Talk about a hard failure in your life. What did it fell like? What did you learn from it?

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2.) Why do you think failure is discouraging when it happens? Share a time when you or someone you know benefited as a result of failure. How can that example help you get past failure to try again?

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3.) Sine everyone fails---including superstars and heroes of history---what is it that makes successful people different?

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4.) Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (NIV), and Galatians 6:9 instructs us, “And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t get discouraged and give up” (LB). Which phrase from these two verses speaks most directly to you?

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