

Wednesday Minute "I Have Failed!", February 19, 2020

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test." 2Corinthians 13:5,6 NIV

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:5-14

I have failed. Those are hard words to swallow. Those words can also be a page turner. Failure does not have to be a permanent situation. Failure can be a time of re-establishing ourselves with great success to follow. Too often, we fail because we believe we fail and then we bury ourselves in that failure.

Have you failed at something? You accept responsibility for a wayward child and the wrong decisions they have made. You might feel responsible for a failed marriage. Perhaps, you lost your job because you were neglectful. Bring on the guilt and allow Satan to control your life.

Failing is an opportunity to turn your life around. Chances are, if you are truly the reason for your failure, you did not have a focus on CHRIST at the time. You need the strength of JESUS in those difficult situations. And what are those difficult situations? Every minute of every day!

Peter failed JESUS and denied HIM three times. Still, JESUS chose Peter to lead HIS church. Peter went from a total failure to a leader renowned in Scripture. When JESUS went into the garden alone to pray, HE came out only to find the disciples asleep. They failed HIM. Have you failed JESUS as well? HE will forgive you if you repent.

Now is the time to ask JESUS for help. Failure is permanent only if you allow it to be. Failure can be the opening to a great future. You can use the mistakes as building blocks. You now know what NOT to do. Learn and grow. Take charge of

your life with the help of JESUS. Don't do it alone and by all means, don't do it your way.

Failure is your opportunity. Don't let Satan convince you that it is permanent. Hold the hand of JESUS and accept the opportunity that failure created.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for being with me during all my failures. Thank YOU for protecting me from my own convictions of guilt when all I needed to do was ask YOU for forgiveness. Help me to use those failures as a guide to the successes YOU have for me. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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