

God, Abraham failed You when he fled Egypt during the drought. Moses lost his temper and turned to violence more than once. David committed both adultery and murder. Peter denied Your Son. And yet You used all the people who failed You so badly. Use me, too.



Remind me, Jesus, that sometimes what the world considers failure is not failure at all from eternity's perspective. After all, Your disciples must have assumed at first that Your death on the cross was the worst failure of all. And yet what looked like failure brought new life to all creation.



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Failure



Can anything ever separate us from God's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?...

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

Romans 8:35,37 NLT

Loving Lord, You know I long to be a success. I want to live the victorious Christian life. I want to please You. I want others to be impressed with my faith. I want to be the person You created. I know my motives are mixed up-but I do sincerely want to follow You. And yet again and again, I fail. I let You down. Teach me, Lord, to find You even in the midst of failure. Never let me put off holding out my arms to You, so that You can pick me up and put me back on my feet. Thank You that Your grace never fails.



Help me to learn from my failures, loving Lord. Use them to help me grow.

We all want to be successful. Countless books have been written on the topic, offering us yet another secret formula for guaranteeing that success will be ours. But the reality is this: we all experience failures.

Even the great heroes of our Christian faith experienced their share of failure. Abraham and Moses, Elijah and David, Peter and Paul-they all knew what it was like to make serious mistakes. But God used even their failures to bring them to the place where he wanted them to be.

And He will do the same for us. No matter how many times we fail, His love never does. And in the midst of our failures, we can still find victory in Christ.

Jesus, sometimes I feel so afraid of failure that I cannot seem to do anything at all. I do not even want to try something in case I will not be successful. My fear paralyzes me. Christ Jesus, release me from my fear, I pray. Remind me not to take myself too seriously. Help me to see that the world will not end if I fail. Give me joy in the effort, whatever the results.



Even though my efforts often fail, Lord, help me to remember that I am never a failure. My worth is safe, for it comes from You.