**OVERCOMING FAILURE**

**Living a Life Free from Fear - Part 3**

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**1 John 4:15-18 (NIV)**
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.
And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.  In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.
There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**How To Overcome The Fear Of Failure**

**1. REMEMBER That Everybody Fails**

 *"We all stumble in many ways. . ."* James 3:2 (NIV)

 *"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake."* Eccl. 7:20 (GN)

**2. REALIZE IT'S Not Fatal**

 *"No matter how often an honest man falls, he always gets up again."* Pr. 24:16 (GN)

 (Paul) *"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."* 2 Cor. 4:8-9 (NIV)

 **Redefine failure: Refusing to try again**

**3. RECOGNIZE The Benefits**

How God Uses Failure

 \* To **Educate Me**

 *"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. . ."* Pr. 28:13 (LB)

 \* To **Motivate Me**

 *"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways."* Pr. 20:30 (GN)

 \* To **Build My Character**

 *"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us. They . . . develop strength of character. . . “*Rom. 5:3-4 (LB)

**4. RELAX IN God’s Grace**

 *"God knows what we are made of, he remembers that we are dust."* Ps. 103;14 (GN)

 *"God canceled our debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross."* Col. 2:14 (NCV)

 *"Love never fails."* 1 Cor. 13:8

 *"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace. . ."* Heb. 12:15 (NCV)