

Your Next Success

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
(Isaiah 41:10.)*

When life becomes overwhelming or challenging, the promises of God can go right out the window. Fear of failure is a reality of life. It's a common experience that touches each one of us to some degree. Society has us conditioned to think that failure is a bad thing. Fear of failure tells you if you fail, you are somehow no good. Yet we all know, when we experience the pain of failure, it hurts.

When God sends you into a new situation, or asks you to do something you've never done before, you'll most likely experience uncertainty and fear of failure. Over the past few weeks, I have found myself in one situation after another doing things I've never done before. Helping the people of East Texas changes daily, and I must adapt quickly to the changes if I want to continue to help those in need. I've had to move past my fear of failure and embrace the very thing I was afraid of failing at.

I wish I could say I sailed through each challenge without any doubt, uncertainty or fear of failing, but that would be a lie! I have surely had my moments of uncertainty, with fear of failure pounding louder inside my brain than I care to admit. I knew I needed to trust that God was working in me, but that was easier said than done.

Failure is part of life's journey and God knows exactly what you are dealing with and when! That's why the promise He gives is always equal to the task He calls you to.

Does that mean you won't experience fear of failure, doubts or uncertainty? No, but it does mean you must trust Him in spite of it! Trusting in God is the ultimate remedy for anything you face. Failure doesn't change who you are. Failure is really the highway to success.

We learn best from our mistakes. How many times have you made a mistake only to say, "I won't do that again!" As I pondered my mistakes these past few weeks, I realized something important. Failure is only temporary if you don't wallow in it (I am preaching to myself just as much as you!).

I realized when failure happens, my focus became clearer, and pressed in harder to accomplish the goal. The world may see failure one way, yet God sees it completely different! Failure to Him is really just another tool He uses to improve our character and make us more usable by Him

The good news is, God created you to succeed in the things He called you to do
– as long you keep attempting to do them!

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