

## Connection Group Discussion

*Scriptures are provided for context. Some groups may choose not to read them for sake of time. Also, please do not feel you have to cover all of the questions.*

1. Read **Proverbs 28:13**. What are some lessons you've learned from past failures?
2. Read **Proverbs 20:18**. How have past failures changed you for the better?
3. Have you been able to learn from the mistakes and failures of others? Please share an example.
4. How can pain be a teacher? Please share an example.
5. Read **Philippians 3:13-14**. Are you allowing your past to hinder your future? If so, what can you do to change this?
6. Read **Romans 8:28**. Can you give an example of a time God worked together your failures for good? Please explain.

*Unless otherwise noted, Scriptures are taken from the New King James Version.*



## breakFREE Part 8

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### Break Free From Past Failures

#### 1. Failure \_\_\_\_\_

**James 3:2a** (NKJ) For we all stumble in many things...

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

**Romans 3:23** (NKJ) For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### 2. Failure Isn't \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2 Corinthians. 4:8-9** (NKJ) We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

### 3. Fail \_\_\_\_\_

- **Let failure \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)** A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.
- **Let failure \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**Proverbs 20:30 (GN)** Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.
- **Let failure \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**Romans 5:3-4 (TLB)** We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us-- they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady.
- **Let failure \_\_\_\_\_ you**  
**Isaiah 42:1-3 (NKJ)** Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, my Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; he will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; he will bring forth justice for truth.

### 4. Fail \_\_\_\_\_ way

**Psalms 103:14 (GN)** God knows what we are made of, he remembers we are dust.

**Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJ)** Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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

- **Accept \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)** A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.
- **Stop regretting and start \_\_\_\_\_**  
**2 Corinthians 7:10 (NKJ)** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- **Forget the former and focus on the \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Philippians 3:13-14 (NKJ)** "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- **Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ your failures**  
**Romans 8:28 (NKJ)** "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."