

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Round 7: Overcoming Failure”

“Overcomer – Beating Your Enemy to the Punch” – Pt. 7

Philippians 4:13; John 21:1-25 & Selected

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

I Can Overcome Failure By...

I. Understanding my situation through God’s eyes!

“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.” Vs. 3

When you don’t know what to do next...

1. Do what Jesus has told you to do.

“And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.’” Mark 1:17

2. Be honest to Jesus about your situation.

“Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered Him, ‘No.’” Vs. 5

3. Draw near to Jesus.

“That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea.” Vs. 7

4. Keep your faith firmly grounded in Jesus.

“For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12

II. Determining to live with God as my highest priority!

See Vs. 15-17

“Jesus said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

Matthew 16:15-16

“Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.’” John 13:37

I will never be a failure in God’s eyes when His priorities are number one in my life!

III. Allowing God to place me back on the right path!

“Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hand, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” Vs. 18

And after saying this He said to him, ‘Follow me.’” Vs. 19b

IV. By learning to pray from the strong position of a “Favored Failure” in love with God!

The Prayer of a Favored Failure: “O God, whatever I attempt that excludes you and denies you glory, let me fail so that I may never depend on my own self-sufficiency!”

Round 7 Knockout Punch:

When all seems lost and failure is imminent, I will fall to my knees with a grateful heart and cling to the sufficiency of my

Savior, knowing that I can rise again because of Him!