

**Who Me? A Leader?
Leading Through Failure
Discover Church
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Leadership is **Influence**

While failing is inevitable, becoming a failure is a choice.

God uses people who fail because there aren't any other kind around.

Truths About Failure

Truth #1: We all **fail**

"For a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again" Proverbs 24:16

Truth #2: Failure isn't **final**

"For he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." Psalm 103:14

- **Shift** Your **Perspective** on Failure

He wants to use our failures as a classroom to learn, not a courtroom to condemn you.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Truth #3: Learn from the **best**

- **Invite** Jesus into the **Boat**

"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

"Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." Luke 5:5

- **Launch** Out in **Obedience**

What is Jesus telling you to do today that your past failure is trying to talk you out of?

- **Let Go** of the **Past** to Receive your **Future**

“He fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” Luke 5:8

“Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” Luke 5:10

“Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” But he denied it.

“Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.” Luke 22:54-62

“Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” John 21:15-17

Truth #4: Take the path forward – **Get Back Up**

Never down, you are up or getting up.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1

“Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.” Micah 7:8

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Scripture: *Proverbs 24:16; Psalm 103:14; Romans 8:28; Luke 5:4-10; Luke 22:54-62; John 21:15-17; Romans 8:1; Micah 7:8*