

•Rebound- recover in value, amount, or strength after a previous decrease or decline

☑ Nailed it or failed it. MOST FAILED IT!

•4So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, 5and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water. 6Then Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. Joshua 7:4-6

•No one sets out to crash and burn. No one starts a journey to get lost.

•No bride or groom walks down the aisle on their big day with a break-up in mind...

•What parents ever gaze into the eyes of their newborn child, thinking about how to so strain that bond that only bitterness and resentment return their gaze in the future?

•Businesses are started with dreams of “making it big” and attaining financial independence and leaving a legacy for our children. We certainly don’t plan on losing our life savings and spending years trying to recover from financial ruin.

•Failure finds us all. Bookstores overflow with volumes on how to succeed, but you’ll look a long time before you’ll find a section called “How to Succeed at Failing.” Maybe no one knows what to say.

•But God does. His book is written for failures. It is full of people who were foul-ups, flops, and failures but got a second chance.

• They Fell but God caught the rebound!

•They were willing to walk away from their past and into God’s future.

☑ You are more than your mistake

•The Lord said to Joshua, “Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? Joshua 7:10

Just because you missed doesn't mean you stop taking shots!

•I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed. Michael Jordan

•Try again-

Missed shots teach you to appreciate the made ones.

Don't just shoot the same shot. ADJUST!

•Joshua turned to God- Sin in the camp.

Ignore the BOO's. They're coming from the stands.

•If you are going to have a Rebound, you have to learn WHO to ignore.

•If they could play they'd be on the court.

What you hang onto hangs on to you. What you let go of lets go of you.

• **There's no future in the past. You can't change yesterday, but you can do something about tomorrow.**

Failure may shake you but don't let it break you.

•The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take. If they fall, it isn't fatal, for the Lord holds them with His hand. Psalm 37:23-24

Failure is not your PRISON. It's your PLATFORM.

•Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. — Joshua 8:1

•God told Joshua to revisit the place of failure.

•Get up, and take another SHOT! You're not living if you're not trying.

•“Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Leah was ‘ugly’, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stuttering problem, Gideon was afraid, Samson had long hair and was a womanizer, Rahab was a prostitute, David had an affair and was a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Naomi was a widow, Job went bankrupt, Peter denied Christ, The Disciples fell asleep while praying, Martha worried about everything, The Samaritan woman was divorced 5 times and living with number 6, Zaccheus was too short, Paul was a blasphemer and terrorist, Timothy had an ulcer, and Lazarus was DEAD.”

•We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... Hebrew 12:1

•“Keep going.” “Don’t quit!” “It’s worth it!” “You Got This” “Try again!”

•If you think you’ve blown God’s plan for your life, You’re just not that powerful!

•Tyler Smith and Heather Brown, Christ's Church Academy students who've been friends since fourth grade, were swimming off of Vilano Beach, near St. Augustine, on Thursday, April 18, when they realized they might not make it back to shore. Weak and tired from fighting the waves for two hours and two miles offshore, the 17-year-old soccer players told Fox News they started praying to God and crying out for help. “Tyler cried out: 'If you really do have a plan for us, like, come on. Just bring something, ’”

•"Over all the wind, waves, and engines, Captain Wagner thought he heard a desperate scream," "Exhausted and near the end, the boy told me he called out for God's help. Then we showed up." Wagner called the Coast Guard as he took his boat, "The Amen" to their rescue.

•Amen- God the KING is FAITHFUL!

•Knowing that no one plans to experience devastation, this critical question is revealed: *Did we plan not to?*

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