

...When We've Failed Him

Where Is God? | Part 6 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

I. WRONG WAYS TO RESPOND TO FAILURE

1. We **MINIMIZE** our failures. (Proverbs 28:14, 29:1)

2. We **MARGINALIZE** our failures. (Proverbs 19:3)

3. We **MAXIMIZE** our failures. (Proverbs 18:12-14)

II. GOD'S WAY TO RESTORE FAILURES

God offers to **SHOW MERCY** for our failures.

But you, O Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to get angry, full of unfailing love and truth. Look down and have mercy on me. **Psalms 86:15-16a, NIV**

David's sin and the way to experience God's mercy

(2 Samuel 11, Psalm 51)

The thing David had done displeased the LORD.

2 Samuel 11:27, NIV

1. **Contrition: ACKNOWLEDGE** your total need for God.

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. **Psalm 51:1-2, NLT**

Offerings and sacrifices are not what You want. The way to please You is to feel sorrow deep in our hearts. This is the kind of sacrifice you won't refuse. **Psalm 51:16-17, CEV**

2. **Confession: ADMIT** your failures completely to God.

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned. I have done what is evil in your sight. **Psalm 51:3-4a, NLT**

But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being.

Psalm 51:6, NLT

3. **Cleansing: ACCEPT** God's absolute forgiveness.

Purify me from my sins and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. **Psalm 51:7-11, NLT**

4. Correction: ADJUST how you live accordingly.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

Psalm 51:12, NLT

If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

2 Timothy 2:13, NIV

People who cover over their sins will not prosper. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.

Proverbs 28:13, NIV

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