



**After Failure**  
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**2 Samuel 11:1-13**

**I. Our failures own us when...**

- a. **WE DENY**  
1 John 1:8, Rom 3:23
- b. **WE BLAME**  
Genesis 3:12-13
- c. **WE EMBODY SHAME**  
Roman 8:38-39

**Psalms 51:1-12**

**II. Our failures are redeemed when...**

- a. **WE EMBRACE**  
1 John 1:9
- b. **WE RECEIVE**  
Psalm 51:17
- c. **WE LEARN**  
James 5:16

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*“Wallowing in shame, remorse, self-hatred, and guilt over real or imagined failings in our past lives betrays a distrust in the love of God. It shows that we have not accepted the acceptance of Jesus Christ and thus have rejected the total sufficiency of his redeeming work. Preoccupation with our past sins, present weaknesses, and character defects gets our emotions churning in self-destructive ways, closes us within the mighty citadel of self, and preempts the presence of a compassionate God.”*

**-Brennan Manning**

1. How would you define failure?
2. Revisit 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 11 and review all the places David failed. What happened in order for David to come to terms with his sin/failure?
3. Thus far in life, what has been your experience with failure? What has failure kept you from doing? What has it done for you?
4. In what ways does our perception of failure affect our willingness to act?
5. Are there people in your life that play the Nathan role? People who you allow to speak honestly and openly to you about your own failure/sin.
6. Have you completely and fully accepted God’s forgiveness in your failings? Have you forgiven yourself?