

**Failure IS an Option**  
**Jesus for Everyone Message Series Week 30**  
**Luke 22:31-62**  
Pastor Jeff Burkholder  
May 8, 2022

**Why failure is an option:**

**1. Because we all need to be humbled.**

“God excels at perfecting his saints. Delivering us from self-sufficiency is a major function of the ups and downs of this life.”

R. Kent Hughes, *Luke*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, p. 787.

“God has never been impressed with strength or self-sufficiency. In fact, he is drawn to people who are weak and admit it. Jesus regarded this recognition of our need as being ‘poor in spirit.’ It’s the number one attitude he blesses.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, p. 273.

**2. Because Jesus is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25)**

“What a remarkable thing! The Lamb of God prays and intercedes for us. In our conflict with Satan and temptation to sin, even when we seem unable to pray, there remains One who prays for us! Christ the Lord has chosen intercessory prayer as his continuing ministry at the right hand of the Father.”

Thabiti Anyabwile, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Luke*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2018, p. 327.

**3. Because God is sovereign over our failures. (Job 42:1-2)**

“Nothing in your life is arbitrary. It’s all for a purpose.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan,  
Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, p. 23.

**4. Because God is preparing you for ministry.**

“The very experiences that you have resented or regretted most in life—the ones you’ve wanted to hide and forget—are the experiences God wants to use to help others. They *are* your ministry!

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan,  
Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, p. 247.

**Action steps:**

- If you’re young, embrace failures.
- If you’ve failed, share your failures.