

4. We _____ the negative.

'I am the only one left, and now they're trying to kill me too.' 1 Kings 19:10 NIV

'Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.' 1 Kings 19:18 NIV

'The Lord said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.'" 1 Kings 19:15 NIV

3. Recognise the _____.

1. God uses failure to _____ me.

'A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful.'
Proverbs 28:13 LB

2. God uses failure to _____ me.

'Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.'
Proverbs 20:30 TEV

3. God uses failure to _____ me.

'We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us. They develop strength of character.' Romans 5:3-4 LB

4. Relax in God's _____.

'God knows what we are made of, he remembers that we are dust.'
Psalm 103:14 TEV

'God cancelled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross.' Colossians 2:14 NCV

'Love never fails.' 1 Corinthians 13:8 NIV

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

'Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace.' Hebrews 12:15 NCV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Why is it that we fear failure? Does anyone want to share of a time they failed be it humorous or serious?
2. When we fear failure, what are some of the things it can cause us to do?
3. Read James 3:2, Ecclesiastes 7:20. How does that make you feel that everyone fails?
4. Read Proverbs 24:16. According to this Proverb, what's the difference between success and failure?
5. Read 1 Kings 19:1-4. What were the four mental games that Elijah played that we all play when we face or fear failure?
 - What are the dangers of focusing on our feelings rather than the facts?
 - Why shouldn't we compare ourselves to others?
 - Why do we blame ourselves for negative events that aren't our fault?
 - What does it do to us when we exaggerate the negative? See 1 Kings 19:10
6. Read Proverbs 28:13, Proverbs 20:30, Romans 5:3-4. What are some of the benefits of failure?
7. Read Psalm 103:14. Why isn't God surprised when we fail?
8. Read Colossians 2:14. How does God's grace cover our failures?

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