

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 19, 2015**

**“Refuse to Live Under the Shadow of Failure”**

Failures. How well we know the word. Flashbacks of those episodes haunt us. The result is devastating. Our failures have left us broken, depressed, disappointed in ourselves and full of regret.

But we are not alone. Many “Super-saints” failed but came out as winners:

Abraham failed as a liar but he still inherited the Promised Land.

Moses failed as a murderer but he became one of God’s great generals.

Jonah failed in obedience, still his preaching brought revival to Nineveh.

During this season leading up to Easter, we are reminded how Peter failed miserably. He denied Christ...not once but three times. But God used Peter after his failure to preach on the Day of Pentecost and thousands turned to Christ.

What’s my point? A very simple one. **There is hope after failure.** The person who succeeds is not the one who fears failure or the one who has failed; rather it is the person who has moved on in spite of failure. Someone has rightly said: “I’d rather attempt to do something great and fail, than attempt to do nothing.”

Don’t allow the failures of yesterday to define your tomorrows! Recognize that failures are only temporary setbacks along the way. They are preparatory for the magnificent triumphs yet to come. They are your “crucifixion” which will result in your “resurrection.” They are your troubles which will turn into triumphs.

Stop licking your wounds! Sighs and tears and thoughts of quitting are understandable for the moment but inexcusable for the future! Remember Peter. He wrote two books in the New Testament because he refused to live under the shadow of his failure. Get up and get on with it!

Have a blessed week! This Sunday I will be preaching on **“The Three Miracles on a Friday-TGIF!”**

Blessings,  
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