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Let Them Fall

Proverbs 24:16 *For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again....*

I hate to fail. It doesn't matter what I am doing. I hate to lose a game, make a mental mistake, a typo, or mess up on a project. Most of us have a strong drive to want to do what is right, but one reason I hate failure is I don't like paying what Dave Ramsey calls "stupid tax". When we do something that is not wise inevitably the consequences of that action cause some level of pain and discomfort in our lives. However, it is also true that one of the great teaching tools in life is failure.

What does this have to do with parenting? As parents our children will fail. They will fail a test. They will fail at cleaning their room or completing a task you have given them. They will fail to live up to God's standards, and they will fail to live up to your standards. Our children will fail. The question is "What is a parent to do when their children fail?" My suggestion to you is to give them opportunities to try and fail. Why? Because many times failure is the place where they learn to succeed. We can't and don't need to protect our children from every form of failure. They need to learn how to get back up and that only happens when you fall. I am not suggesting we ignore them, refuse to give guidance, and leave them to their own immature ideas. What I am saying is that we do not need to, at every turn, try to protect our children from failure or the natural consequences that follow. Remember we only have them for a little while, and our job is to get them ready for the real world. The real world where they will fail and when they do there will be consequences. Let's train them how to avoid problems, but lets also prepare them for times in life when they will fall so they will know how to get back up for the "righteous man falls seven times and rises again." See you Sunday!

John

Looking Back

Luke 9:62 *Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

In order to plant a field, the farmer must first prepare the ground. In the days of Jesus, the plough was attached to an animal - a horse, a mule or an ox. Today the farmer's plough is hooked to a tractor. No matter which century we consider, the farmer wanted straight furrows. What happens if you don't look forward? Whether by animal or by tractor the furrow will have no chance of being straight if the man looks behind him. The eyes must be focused on the path or else the path will be missed. Jesus' message is that if we don't focus on our spiritual journey then we are not fit for service. We will stray from the path. God's people are not to stray to the left or the right but to stay on the straight and narrow.

Are you focused on the goal? The writer of Hebrews instructs us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. He continued by saying to consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Simply put this means if our eyes are not on Jesus, then our path will not be straight. It is discouraging to get off the path. Our work is harmed when we fail to follow the proper path. Are we spiritually focused? Make sure that you do not allow anything to distract you from your service to God. Jesus and his kingdom must be first in your life. Anything less makes us not fit for service. Remember that Lot's wife looked back and lost her life. The prize of a heavenly home is promised to those who do not lose their focus, so don't look back.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

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- Bill Harris** - NHC room 2400
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WORSHIP LEADERS DECEMBER 17, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader:Jerry Wilson
 Prayer:.....Sam Quirk
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Nathan Hixson
 Donnie G. Davis Jim Anderson
 Ryan Grice J.W. Gilliam
 Chris Lewis Tommy Skelley
 Larry Nicholson John Allen Thomas
 Read: 2 Peter 1:1-4.....Jason Kelley
 Sermon: The Promises..... John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Daniel Thomas
 Prayer.....Shaun Townsend
 Read: James 1:1-4.....Max Ballard
 Sermon: The Trials.....John Thomas
 Presiding.....Ryan Massey
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Barry Cross

Ushers: Lenny Davis, Jerry Ballard, Danny Lasater
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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Melissa Stutts, Teresa Lyle
 P.M.....Libby Moss

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20, 6:30 P.M.

Song Leader:Daniel Thomas
 Prayer:.....Tommy Hight
 Announcements/Speaker:.....Mike Lyle