

SERMON NOTES

Failure Isn't Final

Luke 22:61-62

Sunday, August 9th, 2020

Introduction

Here's what Thomas Edison said about his failures regarding his inventions, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

The American novelist, screenwriter and actor, Truman Capote said, "Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor."

President Robert F. Kennedy once said, "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."

Henry Ford said, "Failure is only the opportunity more intelligently to begin again."

Writer, Roy T. Bennett, said, "Failures are the stairs we climb to reach success."

The Reality of failure (Luke 22:31-34)

Jesus Expressed a Sincere Warning (vs 31-32)

Jesus warned Peter of his external enemy, Satan!

Jesus warned Peter of his internal struggle, the flesh!

Peter Responded with Self-Confidence (v33)

Peter had self-confidence in his readiness – "I am ready."

Peter had self-confidence in his devotion – “go with thee, both into prison, and to death.”

Your devotion to God is directly proportionate to your dependence upon Him.

Jesus Gave a Strong Rebuke (v34)

The strong rebuke was meant to get Peter to listen. “I tell thee, Peter”

The strong rebuke was meant to get Peter to learn a lesson. “The cock shall not crow this day, before thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.”

The Response to failure (Luke 22:54-62)

Peter Denied the Lord Three Times (vs 54-60)

Jesus Looked at Peter with Penetrating Eyes (v61)

This penetrating look can be described in three ways.

-“The Lord turned” = Compassionate Look

-“Looked upon Peter” = Convicting Look

-“Peter remembered” = Compelling Look

Peter Responded with Uncontrollable Weeping (v62)

The Remedy for failure (John 21:15-19)

Peter lost sight of his calling / purpose (vs 3-6)

The fear of failure can keep you hostage to normality and you will miss out on God’s great adventure for your life.

Jesus gave Peter another invitation (vs 7-14)

Peter experienced forgiveness for his failure (vs 15-19)

Conclusion