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*This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every Morning; great is your faithfulness.* (Lamentations 3:21-23 NIV)

### Peter Fails

- On the way Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me ... Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I will never desert you." (Matthew 26:31,33 NLT)
- Peter's expectation of himself was that he would stay at Jesus' side regardless of the actions of anyone else. However, on that very night, Peter denied three times that he was with Jesus or even knew him. To emphasize his denial he even swore at the bystanders. Peter left that scene weeping bitter tears of failure.



*The power of the Holy Spirit has made me free from the power of sin and death. This power is mine because I belong to Christ Jesus.* (Romans 8:2 NIV)

## OVERCOMING Failure

*Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.*

(2 Corinthians 2:14-15 NIV)

**WE  
FAIL  
WHEN  
SIN  
TRIPS  
US UP**



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1 NLT

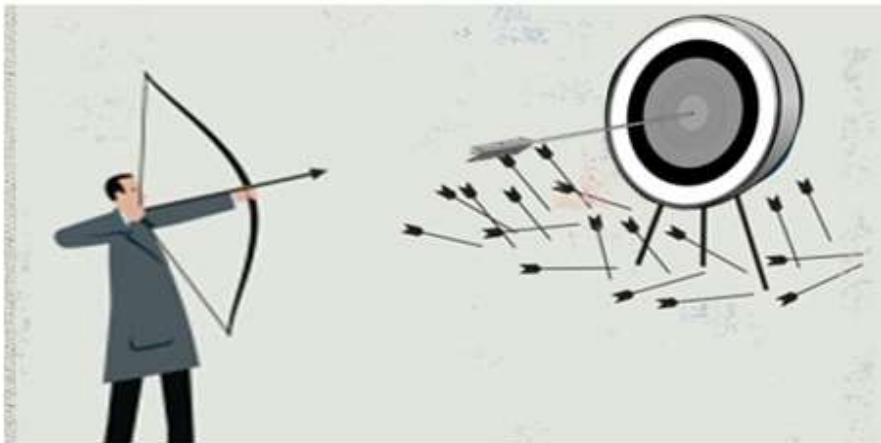


**WE FAIL  
BECAUSE  
HUMAN  
STRENGTH  
IS LIMITED**



### **WE CAN LEARN FROM FAILURE**

1. Try again
2. Face your fears
3. Don't quit
4. Don't live in the past. Live in the present
5. Try something new
6. Don't panic. Stay peaceful and calm.



### **GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS**

1. O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 NLT
2. If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. Luke 16:10 NLT
3. Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2 NLT
4. Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 5:16 NLT
5. For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! Ephesians 5:8 NLT



***Trust in  
the Lord  
and do  
good.  
Then you  
will live  
safely in  
the land  
and  
prosper.  
Take  
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and he  
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you your  
heart's  
desires.***

**Psalm 37:3-4 (NLT)**