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Turning Failure Into Fertilizer.

(When you fall down, pick something up while you're there)
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The 3 Main Reasons We Fail

Sometimes we fail because of **circumstances**.

Sometimes we fail because of **competencies**.

Sometimes we fail because of **character**.

You might be a failure . . .

"...for though a righteous man falls seven times, **he rises again**, but the wicked are brought down by calamity." (Prov 24:16)

If you avoid **bad news**.

If you deflect responsibility by **placing blame**.

If you would rather **complain than change**.

God Uses My Failures . . .

"...he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let

down the nets for a catch.' Simon answered, '**Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything**. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!'" (Luke 5:2)

To **stop my progress**.

"...because **the Lord disciplines those he loves**, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son." (Heb 12:6)

To **starve my pride**.

"But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "**God opposes the proud** but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6)

To **turn me around**.

"I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (Luke 13:3)

"...yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death." (2 Cor 7:9)

To **win my heart**.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." (Ezekiel 36:26-27 NIV)