

I'm Afraid I'll Look Stupid Trying

(How to face and overcome your fear of failure)
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"But Jesus immediately spoke to them, reassuring them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. Then Peter called to him: 'Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water.' 'All right,' the Lord said, 'come along!' So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. 'O man of little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt me?'" (Mat 14:27-31)

What F.O.F Does

It will **paralyze** you.

It will **sterilize** you.

It will **demoralize** you.

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

You act like a loser when...

You make mountains **out of mole hills**.

"'Because of your little faith,' Jesus told them. 'For if you had faith even as small as a tiny mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'Move!' and it would go far away. Nothing would be impossible.'" (Mat 17:20)

You accept **failing as final or fatal**.

You shirk **responsibility by running**.

"Lazy men are soon poor; hard workers get rich." (Prov 10:4)

You break **faith by recanting**.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Heb 11:6)

You always win when...

You have **Christ confidence**.

". . . we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh--" (Phil 3:3)

You embrace **your destiny**.

"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. . . ." (Rom 12:6)

You displace **doubt with hope**.

"Lord, when doubts fill my mind, when my heart is in turmoil, quiet me and give me renewed hope and cheer." (Psa 94:19)

You keep **getting up to bat**.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going." (2 Cor 4:8-9)