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Fail Loudly

By Talia Michel -- (Age 15)

"Failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success."

- Unknown

We all know failure, and I for one don't like to fail. Whether it's the standards we set ourselves or the ones someone else sets for us, often failure can make us feel frustrated, or like we're not good enough.

But in 2 Corinthians 12:9 it says, "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

I remember somebody once telling me to *fail loudly*, not silently, so essentially, "boasting of weakness." If you let others see your failure you will ultimately get stronger.

It continues in verse ten, saying, "Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Failures needs to make us rethink, reconsider, and find new ways and strategies to achieve our goals. Don't let your failure bring you down; think of it as a learning opportunity.

So will you hide your failures or fail loudly?

(NASB version.)

Safe And Mostly Sound

By Erin E. Short -- (Age 15)

Let's just be clear: there's a significant difference between bravery and safety.

Bravery means facing our circumstances (and, more often than not, fear). Safety is feeling that we don't have to fear, or -- in other words -- that there isn't anything to fear.

If we struggle with feeling insecure, are we disappointing God for not trusting Him enough? In some ways, we do disappoint God. But, we know that fear can -- and likely will -- separate us from God ("There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear," 1 John 4:18). Even if it isn't considered a sin, God doesn't want us to be afraid.

Job 11:18 says, "And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security." If we're truly *with* God, we literally don't have a single thing to fear.

Think about the absolute *worst case scenario* for a Christian: you die. Then, of course, we know that you go to heaven, and spend eternity with God (doesn't really seem like the worst thing, when you think about it that way).

We don't -- and shouldn't -- fear death. And apart from that, what else is there to make us feel afraid or unsafe? Other humans, of course, but the most they possibly do is kill us. Aside from that, there's things like spiders, the dark, and heights.

But, when you get past "the big one" -- death -- you'll realize that, with God, there's no reason to be afraid, because He's got you covered.

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