

## WINNING OVER FAILURE (Romans 8:37)

### Great Bible Failures

**Abraham – Genesis 20:1** Abraham lied about his wife not trusting that God would help him.

**Elijah – I Kings 19:3-4** Elijah ran away in fear and unbelief while begging God to let him die.

**Noah – Genesis 9:20-29** After God had saved him and his family Noah was guilty of drunkenness.

**Moses – Exodus 2:12; Numbers 20:8-13** Moses was guilty of murder, making excuses to God for not serving Him, and guilty of an angry spirit and disobedience to God.

**King David – II Samuel 11-12; 12:24** David was guilty of lust, lying, adultery and murder. He also disobeyed God in censuring the people.

**Peter – Matthew 19:27; 27:69-75; Mark 9:5** Peter was guilty of pride, lying, being led by the flesh, and sleeping while on watch in the garden when Christ was arrested.

**Hebrews 13:8** These illustrations show that God's people sinned and failed God but their relationship with God was unaffected by their failures and many are in **Hebrews 11** the faith chapter.

### The Cause Of Failure

**Psalms 27:1-3; II Timothy 1:7** Often times fear gets hold of us while in a trial or temptation that is contrary to what we know is right and we fear that we will fail God in the situation.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** When we begin to listen to our experience or to advice or direction from someone other than God regarding a problem or situation we are not trusting God and headed for failure.

**I Thessalonians 5:24** When we fail to see things from God's perspective we sometimes focus on our inabilities and forget the promise that God is wanting and willing to help us in every situation.

**Matthew 8:23-26** When we focus our whole attention on the problem or situation at hand that is troubling us instead of turning our focus on God for solutions we find ourselves failing God.

### The Consequences Of Failure

**Joshua 7:24-25; Numbers 14:30-32** Because of failures by a few people in these examples, many others had to suffer the consequences of their failures that could have been avoided.

**Luke 22:59-62** When we continue to fail God we can get to the point of not only being very much disappointment with ourselves but can develop heavy guilt and shame emotional issues.

**II Corinthians 10:4-5** Guilt takes place when we realize our sin, confess our sin and repent of our sin. Shame takes place when Satan makes us meditate on forgiven sin and when we continue to think on past sins we are shamed and can develop a stronghold in our mind that keeps us away from God.

**John 10:10** There is little doubt that Satan wants to keep us from having God's best for our lives.

### Correcting Our Failures

**Colossians 2:13-14** When believers ever realize that Jesus paid for every sin they would ever commit that heavy burden of sin, guilt and shame can be lifted and only then will we have victory over failures.

**Romans 8:1; Colossians 2:10-12** Realizing that Christ paid for every sin God tells us plainly that there is no condemnation that can take place against any believer because there is no record of sin.

**I John 1:9; Colossians 1:21-22** Believers confess our sins to maintain fellowship, not because sins are recorded to be held against us. We will be presented to God as holy, unblameable and not guilty!!