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“Faith & Failure”

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

Deceitfulness of Sin

Hebrews 3:12-13 – (12) “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. (13) But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Failure to Live Up to Forebears

Genesis 47:9 – “And Jacob said to Pharaoh, ‘The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained to the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojourning.’”

1 Kings 19:3-4 – (3) “Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. (4) But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, ‘It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.’”

Love Covering a Multitude of Sins

Luke 22:31-34 – (31) “‘Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, (32) but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.’ (33) Peter said to him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.’ (34) Jesus said, ‘I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.’”

Mark 16:7 – “But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

Luke 7:47 – “Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she

loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”

Fail Forward

“For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.” (Proverbs 24:16)

Don't Double-Down in Failure

“But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.” (Micah 7:7-9)

Continue in the Faith

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.” (Colossians 1:21-23)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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