

**“Fear of Failure”
Baggage – Part 3
2 Timothy 1:7
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“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

❖ **Wrong Responses to Failure:**

- We blow up after we mess up.
- We cover up after we mess up.
- We speed up after we mess up.
- We give up after we mess up.

WHEN YOU FAIL...

1. LOOK OUTWARD & REMEMBER: EVERYBODY FAILS!

“Indeed, we all make many mistakes...” James 3:2a (NLT)

“Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins.” Ecclesiastes 7:20 (NLT)

❖ **Two Main Reasons for Failure:**

- We do something wrong.
“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” Romans 3:23 (NKJV)
- We do nothing wrong.

2. LOOK INWARD & REMEMBER: THIS ISN'T FINAL!

“The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked.” Proverbs 24:16 (NLT)

“We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NLT)

3. LOOK UPWARD & REMEMBER: GOD'S AT WORK!

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

❖ **It's for my education.**

“My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to Your decrees.” Psalm 119:71 (NLT)

❖ **It's for my motivation.**

“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.” Proverbs 20:30 (Good News Translation)

❖ **It's for my cultivation.**

“One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on Him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.’ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, ‘Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.’ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, ‘Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!’ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.” Luke 5:1-11 (NLT)

“The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear Him. For He knows how weak we are; He remembers we are only dust.” Psalm 103:13-14 (NLT)