

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

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## Fear of FAILURE

Failure is required in order to experience salvation. You have to accept failure in order to receive the gift. You have a talent, a gift endowed by God. That gift that God gave you is priceless, and God expects a return on it. You can't play it safe and please God at the same time.

*Matthew 25:14-30; Hebrews 11:6*

Discuss four truths about failure and what God has to say about them. Who are some people in the Bible that may at first appear to be failures, but in the end accomplished God's purpose?

1. Everybody fails.  
*Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23*
2. Failure isn't final...unless you make it final.  
*Jeremiah 8:4; Proverbs 24:16; 2 Corinthians 4:8-18; Galatians 6:9*
3. Failure is your reservoir to success.  
*Psalms 119:71-72; Psalm 37:23-24; James 1:3-4*
4. God can use all things for good...and He wants to.  
*Ecclesiastes 7:13; Romans 8:28*

Discuss three steps you can take to reduce your fear of failure. Which step do you need to focus on? How can an accountability partner help you with that focus?

1. Stop comparing yourself.  
*2 Corinthians 10:12; 1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:4-8*
2. Change the way you think about failure.  
*2 Corinthians 12:8-10; Romans 5:3-5*
3. Stay focused on God's love.  
*Lamentations 3:22; Psalm 73:26; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:18; Isaiah 41:10*

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## Make It Real

- Select a passage of Scripture that spoke to you and meditate on it throughout the week.
- Pray for God to help you discover your purpose. Ask Him to give you the courage to take the next step toward it.
- Reflect on all of God's promises and thank Him.