



No Failure is Fatal

God's Plan For Success

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

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Scripture Reading: Joshua 8:1-29

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Introduction:

- A. Joshua suffered a humiliating defeat at Ai.
- B. The way God used this failure as a stepping stone to success provides for us some wonderful lessons.

I. GOD IS A GOD OF SECOND CHANCES.

- A. Failure in some form is u (Rom 3:23).
- B. The Bible is filled with people who were failures but God gave them second chances.
- C. The message is clear: God uses failures!

II. GOD'S ADVICE TO US WHEN WE FAIL.

- A. Put the past in the past (Joshua 8:1).
 - 1. Face your failures with faith in God's g (Josh 1:2).
 - 2. "The steps of good men are directed by the Lord. He delights in each step they take. If they fall, is isn't fatal" (Ps 37:23-24).
- B. You must believe that God's g is greater than your sin.
 - 1. There is no c for those in Christ" (Rm 8:1).
 - 2. Those who walk according to the spirit find grace (Rm 8:4).
- C. Get up and get moving in a positive direction.
 - 1. "Do not be afraid, arise and g" (Josh 8:1).
 - 2. The lost son said: "I will arise and go to my father" (Lk 15:18).
 - 3. Leave the past behind & press on to the goal (Phil 3:13-14).

III. GOD'S PLAN FOR SUCCESS.

- A. Once you look up and repent, put God's plan in place!
- B. "Arise, go up! See, I have given Ai into your hand" (Josh 8:1).
 - 1. "Without counsel, things go awry, but in the multitude of c a thing shall be established" (Prov 15:22).
 - 2. "At your word I will let down my net" (Luke 5:5).
- C. Failures are only fatal if we fail to l from them.
- D. Today's stumble can soon be tomorrow's victory parade.

Conclusion:

- A. We are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1).
- B. Press your ear against the curtain of eternity and listen to them.
- C. These days are glory days. Your past is past; your future is bright.
- D. God's promises are t and His word is sure.
- E. No failure has to be fatal because God is a god of second chances.

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS

go
true
goodness
grace
condemnation
counselors
learn
universal