

- Epic Fails
- Failure at something happens to everyone. How do we deal with it? What can we learn from it?
 - Edison on failure: “I have not failed 10,000 times. I have successfully found 10,000 ways that will not work.”
 - Our attitude towards and reaction to failure often defines who we are as humans.
 - How we react to spiritual failure defines us as Christians.
- Case comparison on Failure: Judas v. Peter
 - Observed same teachings and miracles from Jesus over 3 years
 - Peter walked on water and failed (Mt. 14); Judas never tried and stayed on the boat.
 - Peter prematurely ended Transfiguration (Mt. 17:4); Judas criticized Jesus (Jn. 12:5).
 - Both denied/left Jesus when he was arrested; Judas couldn't face his failure, but Peter sought to be restored.
 - Peter was not afraid to fail, learned from his experiences, sought forgiveness, and grew; Judas committed suicide.
- Paul
 - Had previously failed in his service to God (1 Tim. 1:15)
 - Partially because of his past, Paul had to defend his apostleship at times (2 Cor. 11:22-29).
 - Yet, Paul did not boast in his knowledge, visions, or miracles. He boasted in his failures/weaknesses (2 Cor. 11:30, 12:5-10) and in Christ.
- Application
 - Ways we might fail today:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol/drugs ▪ Sexual immorality ▪ Gossip ▪ Lied to someone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disobeyed parents ▪ Misplaced priorities ▪ Jealous of neighbor ▪ Used Lord's name in vain
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 - If we're guilty of any of those (or something else we didn't specifically name), how do we react?
 - Do we ignore it and continue in sin?
 - Do we wallow in misery and depression, thinking our sin is too great?
 - Or do we acknowledge our failures, ask God for forgiveness, learn from our failure, change our mindset and actions, and strive to do better?
 - Do we help each other and ask for help? (Jam. 5:16)
 - God loves us, and nothing can separate us from that (Rom. 8:38-39).