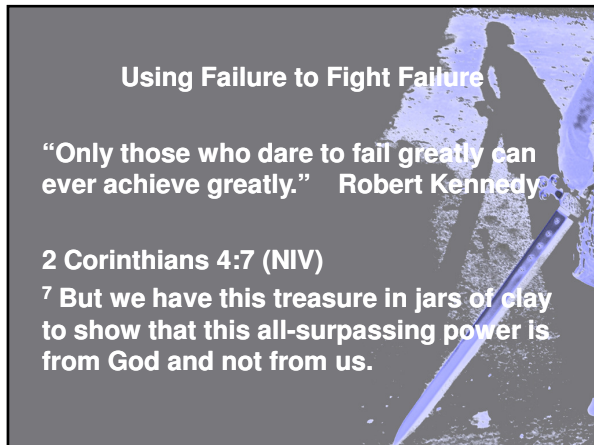


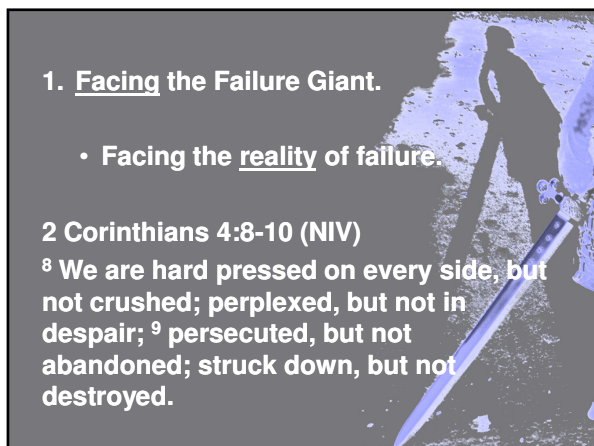
Slaying The Giants
Part 6
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“Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.” Robert Kennedy

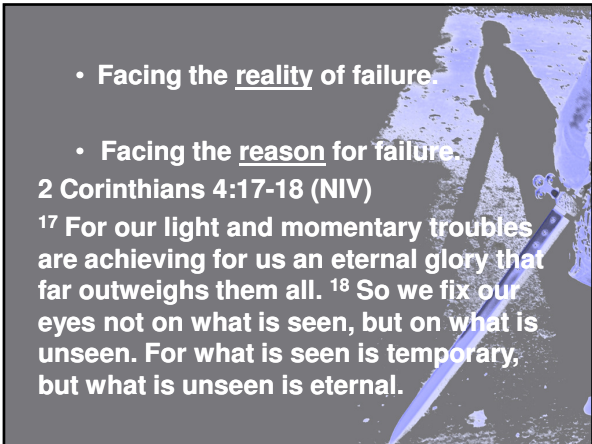
2 Corinthians 4:7 (NIV)
⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.



1. Facing the Failure Giant.

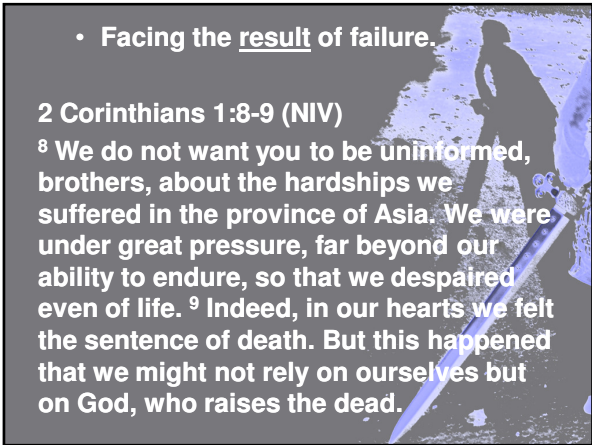
- Facing the reality of failure.

2 Corinthians 4:8-10 (NIV)
⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.



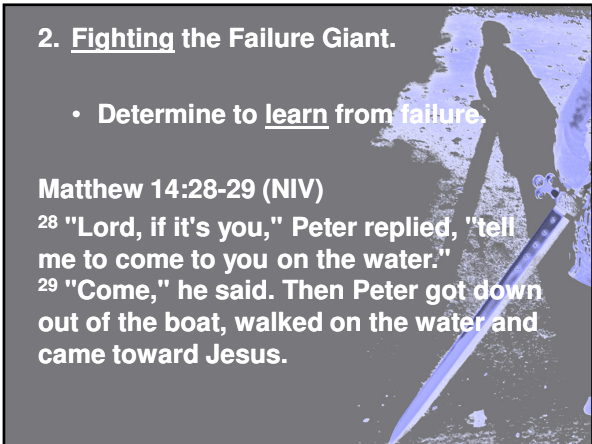
- Facing the reality of failure.
- Facing the reason for failure.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)
¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



- Facing the result of failure.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)
⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.



2. Fighting the Failure Giant.

- Determine to learn from failure.

Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)
²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

2. Fighting the Failure Giant.

- Determine to learn from failure.

Matthew 14:30-31 (NIV)

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

- Accept failure as a fact of life, not a way of life.

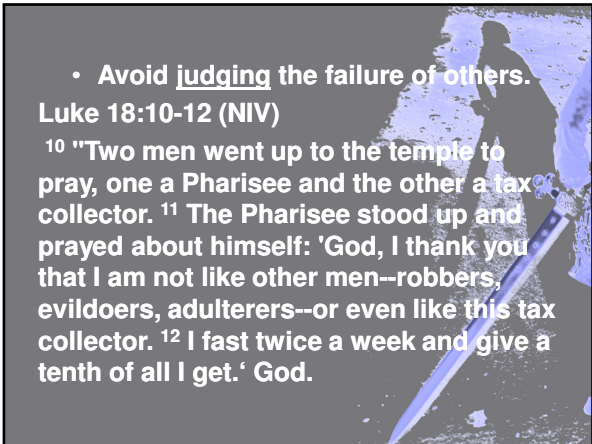
Luke 22:32-34 (NIV)

³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

- Arise from failure and start again.

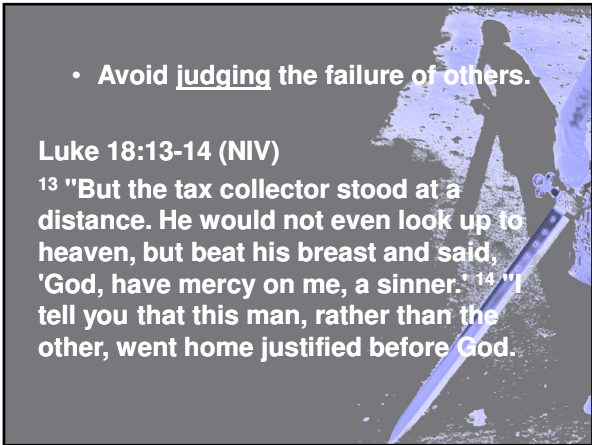
Acts 2:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.



- Avoid judging the failure of others.

Luke 18:10-12 (NIV)
¹⁰ "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' God.



- Avoid judging the failure of others.

Luke 18:13-14 (NIV)
¹³ "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.
