OVERCOMER: OVERCOMING FAILURE Pastor Dennis Rouse May 27-28, 2017

1 John 5:4-5 NKJ

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 8:28 NKJ

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.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 GNT

There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake.

"There is no doubt in my mind that there are many ways to be a winner but there is really only one way to be a loser, and that is to FAIL and not look beyond the FAILURE!" – *Kyle Rote Jr.*

"The single most important difference between champion achievers and average people is their ability to handle REJECTION and FAILURE." – *Tom Hopkins*

How to Overcome Failure:

1. See failure as temporary.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 NLT

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2. Stop comparing yourself to others.

2 Corinthians 10:12 NIV

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.

Philippians 2:3-4 NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

3. Be willing to examine why you have failed, and accept the responsibility to change.

FAILING BACKWARD	FAILING FORWARD
BLAME OTHERS	ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY
REPEAT SAME MISTAKES	LEARN FROM MISTAKES
LIVE IN FEAR OF FAILURE	LOOK AT FAILURE AS A PART
	OF LIFE
WORRY ABOUT HOW PEOPLE	FOCUS ON HOW GOD VIEWS
VIEW THEM	THEM
ALLOW FAILURES TO DEFINE	ALLOW FAILURES TO GROW
THEM	THEM
DEVELOP A "GIVE UP"	DEVELOP AN "OVERCOMING"
ATTITUDE	ATTITUDE

Romans 8:31 NKJ

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:35-37 NIV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things WE

ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS through him who loved us.

4. Never give up on what God has placed in your heart.

"Success is largely a matter of holding on after others let go."

Proverbs 24:16 NIV

...for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again...

"There is something for you to start that is ordained for you to finish."

- Myles Munroe