

Beyond Believing

Part IV; November 12, 2017

From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead. ²² But Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. “Heaven forbid, Lord,” he said. “This will never happen to you!” ²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”
– Matthew 16:21-23 NLT

“Fumbling Forward”

Being a disciple is about growing, not arriving!

“May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.”
– 2 Peter 1:2 (NLT)

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”
– Matthew 7:7 (NLT)

Own your failures, or they will own you!

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.”
– Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

Failure is not the enemy; pretending you didn’t fail is!

Don’t waste a good failure!

“The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again.”
– Proverbs 24:16 (NLT)

“Sometimes you win, and sometimes you LEARN.”
– John Maxwell

God doesn’t correct us to shame us.

He corrects us to shape us!

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. **But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous.**”
– 1 John 2:1 (NLT)

“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. **Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**’”
– Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT)