

# Teaching Notes for "Wild Goose Chase – Cage of FAILURE - Pt 1"

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Today's Focal LifeText: "The **Wind\*** (Holy Spirit / Wild Goose) blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit\*." **John 3:8**



**Failure** happens ... it is a **real (factual) part of everyone's life!**

A recent study found that the **failure rate** of humans is ... \_\_\_\_\_!

The concluding finding - \_\_\_\_\_ **fails ... nobody's** \_\_\_\_\_!

"To **fail** from time to time is only \_\_\_\_\_, but to be a "\_\_\_\_\_ " is when we are \_\_\_\_\_ by **failure**, refusing to **rise** and **try again** (i.e. opting instead to just \_\_\_\_\_!). Christians sometimes (**erroneously**) believe they should be \_\_\_\_\_ to **failure** by virtue of their relationship with God, but the truth is that God (often) \_\_\_\_\_ us to **fail** for variety of reasons [**Proverbs 24:16** \*1] ...." ~ "What Does the Bible Say About FAILURE?," GotQuestions.org  
**Proverbs 24:16** NLT, **Hebrews 12:1** Amplified, **Philippians 4:13** Amplified

**Fear of Failure** can lead to **#3 debilitating strongholds** in our life journeys!

† **#1)** ... leads us to become \_\_\_\_\_

† **#2)** ... leads us to become \_\_\_\_\_

† **#3)** ... leads us to become \_\_\_\_\_

Recall the story of Peter & the other disciples encountering Jesus walking on the water! (**Matthew 14:22-33**)

It is **OUR** \_\_\_\_\_ to allow the **Fear of Failure** to either ...

\_\_\_\_\_ you ...

... or let it \_\_\_\_\_ you!

"One of the reasons **why mature [older] people stop** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ is that they (often) become **less and less** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_ **failure** [i.e. they become \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ by the **fear of failure**]]!" ~ Tim Hansel, *Eating Problems for Breakfast*, 1986, page 32

"Don't \_\_\_\_\_ **failure** so much that you \_\_\_\_\_ **to try** \_\_\_\_\_ **things**. The **saddest summary / reflections of a life at the end** contains three descriptions: \_\_\_\_\_ **have**, \_\_\_\_\_ **have** and \_\_\_\_\_ **have**!" ~ Anonymous

"Accept **FAILURE** as a \_\_\_\_\_ of **LIFE**, not a \_\_\_\_\_ of **LIFE**!"  
**2 Corinthians 4:8-10** NLT

"**Failure** is not \_\_\_\_\_ **down**, (**true failure** is) \_\_\_\_\_ **to get up**!" ~ An ancient Chinese Proverb

"**Don't (get** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** **living**) \_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_ **The Message**)!" **Galatians 6:9** **The Message**

**FAILURES** are never \_\_\_\_\_ unless we \_\_\_\_\_ choose to \_\_\_\_\_!"

e.g.s **Apollo 1 Tragic Fire / Apollo 13 Near Tragedy / Shuttle Challenger Disaster on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1986 / Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986**

"**Failure** is truly a **Matter of** \_\_\_\_\_!"

"\_\_\_\_\_ is **on the** \_\_\_\_\_ **road as failure**; \_\_\_\_\_ is just **a little** \_\_\_\_\_ **down the road**."  
~ Jack Hyles, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Independent Baptist Pastor

**A<sup>3</sup>** (**A**cccept, **A**pply & **A**ct)