

HOW TO FACE LIFE'S CHALLENGES

"FAILURE"

GENESIS 3:7-13

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Big Idea: God's grace can turn moments of _____ into faith-building _____.

NATURAL RESPONSES TO FAILURE

1. _____ it up (v. 7)
 - a. Psalm 32:1-5
2. _____ from God (v. 8)
 - a. 1 Peter 5:8
3. **Make** _____ (v.9-13)
 - a. Hebrews 3:12-13

GOSPEL RESPONSES TO FAILURE

1. _____
 - a. Confession= " _____ " or " _____ "
 - b. 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1
2. _____
 - a. In community, your biggest failures become _____ to _____ on God.
 - b. James 5:16
3. _____
 - a. Proverbs 28:13

Monday

Read David's words in Psalm 32. What was his experience with confession? How did he try to handle it initially (v. 2-3)? How have you attempted to "handle" your past failures and mistakes? What did he discover in verse 5? How has Jesus made it possible for you to experience forgiveness? Spend some time asking the Lord to help you see Him as your "hiding place" every day.

Tuesday

One of Jesus's disciples, Peter, had a major failure—he denied Jesus three times! Read about it in John 18:15-27. What this the end of Peter's story? Have you ever experienced a time when your failure seemed like the end? Read about how Jesus "restores" Peter in John 21:15-19. How has Jesus restored you?

Wednesday

Read James 5:16-20. In your own words, describe how community can aid in the healing process. How have you experienced this in past and are you experiencing this currently? If not, how might you pursue Christ-centered relationships at CRBC?

Thursday

King David's most famous failure is recorded in the Bible (his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba). Read Psalm 51. Does he merely regret his actions or is he truly repentant? How do you know? What's the difference?

Friday

Spend some time today in prayer thanking Jesus for his grace. Because of his grace, your failures don't have to be the end of your story and don't have to define your life. Reflect on how he's writing you a new story and on your new identity as a child of God.