

The Key To Everything - February 21, 2016
“The Teachability Crash”

Big Idea: Failure is inevitable in our life, how we deal with it will determine our future.

Scripture Reference: **Luke 22:54-62**

3 Realities of Failure:

1. Failure shakes our Confidence.

Principle: Failure in our life can cause us to lose confidence in ourselves & our abilities.

Application: Where has failure shaken your confidence?

2. Failure Reveals our True Selves.

Principle: Failure Removes All the Masks we try and keep up in our life.

Application: Where has failure revealed something about you that you didn't really want others to know about?

3. Failure Causes us to Question Everything.

Principle: When failure hits our life, suddenly, the pain becomes real & we feel everything.

Application: Where has a failure caused you to question everything?

- When Peter denied the Lord, he experienced all 3 of these things.

- 1) He lost his confidence,
- 2) He came face-to-face with his real self, &
- 3) The pain of his failure caused him to question everything.

“If Failure is Inevitable in our Life, then...”

How do we get the most out of a Failure?

1. Turn the Spotlight on Ourselves.

Principle: So often we are so busy blaming everyone else & dodging responsibility that we don't learn from our failures.

Application: What's our tendency when we mess up; do we own our mistakes or blame others?

2. We must Refuse to Rush Past it.

Principle: As humans when failure comes our way, we will do anything in our power to get past it & minimize it as quickly as we possibly can.

Application: What's our tendency? ? Are we so busy trying to minimize our mess ups & move past them that we are forfeiting the learning hidden inside them???

“Some of life's greatest lessons are on sale in the midst of our failures.” ~Matt Keller

3. We must Refuse to let Failure Define Us.

Principle: The biggest danger Failure poses to our Teachability is that we let it permanently define us.

Illustration: Peter started to do that, but Jesus didn't let him.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

John 21:15 (NIV)

Application: Where have you let Failure define you?

Challenge: Where do you need to start facing failures in your life differently?