

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- February 9
"Successful Failures"

Evel Knievel once attempted to jump the Snake River Canyon. He barely made it off the launch pad before his parachute opened and landed him in the river. The stunt was a flop. Yet he walked away from his failure with a smile and his pride still intact.

Reading this story, I think of many of God's people as being "faithful failures." What do I mean? The person who succeeds is not one who is hesitant or holds back fearing failure...nor the one who never fails...but, rather, the one who goes forward and moves on in spite of failure.

Those who aim for – and successfully attain – great achievements are usually those who have failed over and over again. Failures are simply temporary setbacks which set us up for a Miracle. Failures are temporary tests which prepare us for magnificent triumphs.

- Louis Pasteur failed thousands of experiments before he created Pasteurization.
- Dr. Seuss' first book as rejected by 23 publicists before one agreed to publish it.
- Edison had thousands of failed experiments before he created the light bulb.

So, wherever you are today, stop licking and tasting the bitter wounds of defeat. Get up, move on. Sighs and tears and thoughts of quitting are understandable for the moment but inexcusable for the future. Get up and get on with it. Remember that you "can do all things through Christ who strengthens you."

Have a blessed week.
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