

FAILURE CAN SUCCEED

Leader's Guide: MP6-3

Lecture time: 23 min.

Discussion time: approx. 30 min.

Leader's Oral Opening Comments

- Today we are going to learn that Failure can Succeed. Praise God failure can succeed! Amen? Hallelujah! With this lecture let us banish future fears and intimidations about failure.

Leader's Oral Closing Comments

- So brothers, when something goes wrong and people feel pretty bad, guess whose responsibility it is to feel good? The leader's responsibility! What an amazing thought — God's saints illustrate, not their own success, but **His** success. You know something? I think I never have to be afraid of failure ever again. Hallelujah!!

Prayer instructions

Two things a victory list and future sample prayers to imitate.

- Constructing a Praise List: Let the men construct a praise list out of their past failures, discouragements and depressions. Let them make a list of past failures and then add notes of how the Lord brought new victories out or around that negative event. Their statements should conclude with thoughts similar to those in the parenthesis:
 - (Now I see Lord there was a new chance. Now I see it was only a temporary setback. Yes Lord, it was only stumbling for the moment.)
(I had a hope. I had a plan, and it did not work out. I experienced failure. And what happened? My adrenaline went all the way down to my toes. I was ready to throw up my arms, and say, „It is no use! I cannot do it anyway.” Then you came and brought me out of the miry pit. Hallelujah Lord, in You I trust.)
 - Trusting God for the future:
(Yes, it was scary when I stumbled; and it will be scary again, but now I have hope. Yes, it may hurt a little bit when I fall again, but now I see a bigger picture. True, for a while I may limp. But I am going on Jesus with you. That is where the success is: in going on with you Jesus.)
(Proverbs tells me that the difference between a righteous man and an ungodly man is that they both fall down many times, but the righteous always gets up again. Lord Jesus that is my prayer — “Lift me up — again — and again. I am trusting You.”)
(I want to cry out with Paul “In this weakness, I am made successful.”)
(So Lord, now I see my responsibility as a leader to turn failures into stepping stones.-
Thank you Jesus — Failure **can** succeed. That's the beautiful thing. That's the encouragement. And Lord that is the hope that I have, You — the Lord Jesus. Amen, hallelujah!)

Pass-out material instructions

- Pass out the **?Prayer Formula?** to each person at the designated time for prayer.

Practical assignments MP6-6SM

- Build your own practical assignments for the men from the two Prayer parts. Constructing a Praise List and Trusting God for the future sheet.

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