
God's signposts on failure's re-route

Proverbs 24:16 (RSV) ...for a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again; but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

2 Corinthians 4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair. Persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed.

Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.³⁷ For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay.

³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

2 Timothy 4:6 (RSV) For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Key: 5 Enemies: p. 1: (1) Me. (2) You. p 2: (3) Satan. (4) Ways. (5) Fallen.
P 3: Adam's curse: (1) Frustration. (2) Failure. (3) Futility.

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Failure

Re-Routing: God's Back Roads to Joy—part 9

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What is Joy?

Definitions of joy: Certainty, Hunger, Belovedness, Glad surrender, Delighted dependence, Pouring, Maturity, Hope

Re-routing to Joy: Shattered dreams, Unmet longings, Brokenness, Loss of control, Fallen world, Heartache, Trials, Suffering.

Route to Joy #9: Failure.

Joy definition #9: Moving.

Hopeful Warrior

5 Enemies:

Enemy #1: M_____!

Romans 7:23 ... but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

Enemy #2: Y_____!

1 Corinthians 3:3 (RSV) ...for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?

Adam's curse

Genesis 3:17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

Genesis 3:18 "It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

Genesis 3:19 "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

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Enemy #3: S_____.

1 Peter 5:8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Enemy #4: The w_____ of the world

1 John 2:15 (RSV) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.

Enemy #5: The f_____ world.

Romans 8:20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
