

Teen Topics Fear (Part 2)

The Issue:

This week we will look at the fear of failure. This fear often keeps us from doing all that God has called and enabled us to do. There are many things in life we are asked to do, need to do, or desire to do, but never do because of fear.

What does the Bible say?

Moses even struggled with the fear of failure. Note the excuses He gave for why he felt he would fail, along with the responses God gave him for each excuse:

> [Ex. 3:11-12](#) – He felt he was the wrong man for the job, but God said there was no need to worry for He would be with him.

> [Ex. 4:1-9](#) – He felt people would not listen to him, but God said He would show the people that He was at work in their midst.

> [Ex. 4:10-11](#) – He did not think he was a good speaker, but God pointed out that He created him just as He wanted him to be.

Also, notice what these verses add to this topic:

> [James 3:2](#) – No one is perfect, the truth is we all fail at times.

> [Prov. 24:16](#) – Failure should not stop us, we should try again.

What should I do?

Has God given you the ability or desire to do certain things that you do not do because of the fear of failure? No one is perfect, so we must remember that failure is something that is experienced by everyone. We must not be afraid of failure. When this fear holds us back, we are not even giving God the chance to do something great through us that He may desire to do. What can you do to show a confidence in God, rather than a fear of failure?