

Failed or Faithful?

God sometimes has to destroy what we THINK we are or what we think we're SUPPOSED to be or what we think we SHOULD be or do, in order to get us to do what HE wants us to do & make us what HE wants us to be.

"That vessel which was destroyed & broken in the hands of the Potter, behold, He hath softened & mellowed it & worked it again & its Creator hath made of it an even BETTER vessel!" Thank You Jesus! Praise You Lord! Hallelujah! (Self-Righteousness! [#2140])

The feeling of, "I'm not getting enough done," or "I'm not loving the Lord enough," or "I'm not being loving enough to people;

I should be out there doing more." As Dad said, it really takes away from the freedom of the spirit and it causes you not to be yourself.

I was talking with somebody the other day and said, "Look, you're just you. The Lord loves you. He loves that you love Him, and He loves that you serve Him, and He loves that you do things for Him and others. But the main reason He loves you is because you're His creation. He made you the way you are and He loves you just the way you are."

Of course we want to progress, we want to do better, we want to love Him more and be more attuned to Him and all of those things--and that's good. But we have to remember that He doesn't love us because we work so hard. He loves us simply because He loves us, and He made you the way you are.

. (Peter:) It's like what Dad said about fear in the Letter "Attack!"

He said you've got to face your fears and see which ones are real and which ones are just of the Enemy, and then you can deal with the real fears.

It's the same thing with our failures. Stop and think about it. What are the things that really discourage you long-term about yourself or the things that you haven't done? Ask the Lord about those things, because they might simply be unrealistic expectations. If you're not reaching those self-imposed goals, it makes you feel as though you failed; but maybe the Lord isn't asking you to do all those things.

Take it a step further. If the Lord isn't asking you to do all these things, and you're trying to do them, then maybe He's not even going to give you the grace to do them because He doesn't really want you to do them. He knows it's too much for you to do. So you need to get ahold of the Lord about your feelings of failure and the things that discourage you, and ask Him, "In what areas of my life am I expecting too much of myself?" Or, "In what areas am I allowing other people to expect too much of me?"

If you can sort that out, then you can have the freedom just to be yourself, and you can let the Lord work through you to the limit that He wants to work through you. If you're not trying to do all these things that He's not really asking you to do, but that you're asking yourself to do or you're letting other people ask you to do, then you'll just be working on achieving the realistic expectations that the Lord has. His bar of those expectations might be quite a bit lower. There might not be so many things that He asks of you, because He understands your weaknesses and He makes room for them.

(Jesus speaking:) I seek after those who are weak in their own eyes, who are broken, humble, and honest; those who confess their faults, who even let themselves appear weak before others that My strength might be seen. (Weakness Revolution-Part 2)

Peter:) When you're asking the Lord about your unrealistic expectations, you could also ask Him what He thinks about areas that you feel you're a failure in. The Lord wants us to be humble. He doesn't want us going around saying, "Wow, we're so great; we do so good. I'm doing such a great job," because that's not healthy in the spirit. But on the other hand, He doesn't want us to walk around feeling like complete failures.

51. Some of the things the Lord tells us to do are goals--they're something to shoot for, to aim for. He doesn't expect that we're going to hit those 100% all the time. "Ask Me Everything" is like "Pray without ceasing." How many of you, all day long, pray without ceasing? If you take that literally as "pray without ceasing," then we're all super failures. But I'm sure the Lord didn't put that in the Bible to make every Christian feel like a total failure in their spiritual life because they sometimes think of something other than a prayer.

52. You can't have unrealistic expectations for yourself. You have to realize that sometimes these things the Lord gives us are goals and standards, to get us to reach and grow that way. But just because we don't hit it and go beyond it doesn't mean that we're totally failing.

53. We could be walking around all the time feeling like, "I'm a total failure in my spiritual life because I don't pray without ceasing, I don't ask the Lord about every single thing." But when you compare it to where you were maybe two years ago, you're praying and hearing from the Lord and asking the Lord things a gazillion times more than you used to. That's huge progress! Like the Lord said, everyone's progressed. We want to keep going and moving forward, but sometimes we need to look back and say, "Look how far we've come," and make it relative to where we've been, not to where we still have to go.

54. The key is that you've got to ask the Lord about things. He can show you if you're truly not loving enough, or truly not spiritual enough, and then you can really work on those things. But if you would think about the areas that you believe you're failing in or have failed in or really aren't doing well in, and ask the Lord for His perspective on them, He would be able to give you a more true perspective of where you're at. It would help lift that cloud, and also give you a clearer vision of what you really should be working on, without being distracted by the Enemy's condemnation hanging over every area of your life

But you must let My Spirit have full sway.

Pray without ceasing, always looking to Me and letting Me lead and guide you in everything you say and do. If not, if you go ahead and do things in your own strength and wisdom, then I can't fully bless you.

You will have complications, difficulties, things will take much longer than you expected, and you'll find yourself becoming discouraged, tired, and lacking in My Spirit and strength.

I can't bless you and help you as much as I would like if you're running around and doing things in the arm of the flesh, outside of My protection and blessing. You have to spend time with Me. You have to be in constant communication with Me and let My Spirit empower and anoint you. You don't have to do it; I have to do it! But because there's so much work to be done, it's hard for some to realize when they're starting to cross over and do things in the arm of the flesh by overextending themselves, rather than relying on Me and My timetable, My direction, and My Spirit.

. How many times have I shown you and told you that by spending time with Me, I will help your work to progress even more quickly, and give you the solutions and answers? When you're taking your time with Me faithfully, I'm able to help you keep things in perspective, and you're not as easily pressured and tempted to overextend yourself.

I'm also able to bring the solutions through prayer, much quicker than you could ever bring them about, if you could bring them about at all.

I will do the work for you if you'll let Me. So if you really want to accomplish a lot and make a lot of progress and avoid the pit of overextending yourself, the secret is to take the necessary time with Me.

The dynamics of the spirit are such that you can accomplish much, much more if you spend time with Me.

Delegating is another secret to success. It's manifesting faith in My plan and in others, and it keeps your self-righteousness in check so you won't be as tempted to try to do it all yourself, and thus overextend yourself. You can't do it all. You must learn to trust that I am in control and that it's My work and I will do it. The answer here is simple:

You need to come to Me in prayer and ask Me.

Ask Me if you should be doing this, or if you should delegate it to others, and I'll show you what to do. If I tell you to delegate it to others, then you can give them some advice and instruction, but then pray and commit it to Me and trust that they'll take care of it.

They may not do it exactly the way you would do it, as each person has a different style; but if they're prayerful, then I will anoint them to do it and it will be taken care of.

I am the very source of strength and inspiration, and when you partake of My Spirit, then you are partakers of My unlimited supply.

I have need of you, My loves, so give yourselves totally to Me so that I can anoint you and use you as My vessels. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Unrealistic Expectations)

Bacchus seeks to overthrow you through addiction to the arm of the flesh and carnal works.

It's the addiction to drive yourself, to get that rush that comes from pushing yourself hard in work and life, from getting a lot accomplished, from doing things in your own strength.

56. So many people struggle with hearing from Me and letting go and letting God because Bacchus seeks to give them a physical thrill and sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. He magnifies the natural sense of satisfaction for those that he is trying to overthrow, to separate them from Me, to cause them to lean to their own arm of the flesh, and to lose dependence and faith in Me.

57. You have been faithful to hear from Me, to bring things to Me, so his power has been kept at bay and thwarted. However, you must realize that he seeks this area of your life, to keep you pushing in the flesh and for physical accomplishment, and because that is your natural tendency, you must fight to keep your guard high in this area. You must ask Me for My help and praise Me for helping you to accomplish your work, in order to keep him from entering your life in this way.

When you let My new blood flow through you and you desire to stay this way, that is when I am able to take over and possess you more. I will then be able to work greater works within you. I will then be confident that what flows through you is of My Spirit and not of your own. Your own spirit will be silent and My Spirit will come to the fore.

With My Spirit flowing through you in greater abundance, you will recognize when you begin to work in the arm of the flesh, and you will immediately call out for the keys to assist you to do things in the spirit. When you begin to recognize the old trying to usurp power over the new, that's when you can be sure that you have been liberated by My Spirit. Because your eyes will be open; you will be seeing things with My new light.

Pride often results in fear—
fear of exposure;

fear of being shown weak or incapable;
fear of the consequences; fear of losing the respect of others;
fear of losing authority;
fear of how others will see you of their opinions if they know the truth;
fear of the humbling;
fear of the breaking that comes with the humbling;
fear of not being in control; fear of being open and honest.

Those who suffer from a strong spirit of pride also suffer from strong fears of losing their image.

Those who are following My Spirit closely and are trying to emulate My ways don't have to fear losing their image, because they're trying to make My image their image, so they have nothing to fear. But those who are not following so closely, but are leaning more on the arm of the flesh, will be fearful of not being strong enough to carry the load, not having enough wisdom or understanding or decision-making ability in themselves for each situation.

They will constantly be afraid of doing the wrong thing, making the wrong decision, because they have only themselves to lean on.

But those who are used to turning to Me and drawing their power and strength from Me have faith and trust. They're not afraid because they know that I'm the One Who has to lead and guide them, and they pin their faith and trust in My answer and My leading, and in all they do they obey what I show them.

The humble are not afraid because they've already accepted that they are nothing, that they know nothing, and can do nothing without Me and without the love and help of others.

They know they need Me and they readily acknowledge this to Me and to others. So they're not afraid because they know that I will have to help them, and they've learned that I don't fail when they cry out to Me.

They've learned through experience, through humblings, that I am always ready to answer their needs and their cries for help, so they rest in Me and depend upon Me to carry them through and to work through them. **They've learned the power of prayer and the power of My Spirit.** So they pray and trust, they pray and listen, they pray and obey, and thus they are not afraid, for they let Me lead the way.

They've learned that I truly am in control, so there's nothing to fear. (WOW)

Those who have not learned to depend on Me are always afraid of their own weaknesses.

They're afraid of the mistakes they will make.

They're afraid of the things they don't know.
They're afraid of the future.
They're afraid of being free in the spirit and letting Me take control.

But all of this can be washed away as they learn to give their whole heart to Me, and as they humble themselves completely as little children before Me and let Me be their Lord and Master. *(End)*

This is true humility--flowing with My Spirit. Neither running ahead of it by speaking out when it would be best to hold your peace and let My Spirit do the work, nor holding back for fear of what others will think or because you're worried about your reputation in their eyes. True humility gives without concern for the opinions of men--caring only for My love, My blessing, My approval.

Well, real humility is being able to let My Spirit move in you and cause you to do My good pleasure--to speak when spoken through, and even to speak when you're not spoken through, and then be willing to admit your mistakes when you make them.

True humility yields to the whispers of My Spirit and has perfect peace because of her obedience and yieldedness.

When you're trying in yourself to uphold a false front, you can't have this perfect peace and happiness.

My Spirit is simple. My Spirit is humble. My Spirit yields. My Spirit gives.

As you let My Spirit flow through you and don't hold back, I will cause you to be born again and to be a new creature, to have faith and to have trust and to feel secure in My love; to know that honesty pays, sharing your true feelings, stripping off the garments of pride and false humility.

So let go and be set free of this trap of the Enemy to hold you back and suppress My Spirit.

Let My Spirit flow in you, and pray for My true humility--which means obeying My checks even when it hurts your pride to do so. My love, My truth, and yielding to My whispers will set you free! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Stay Humble! [#3235])

"Keys of Flowing with Me" will cause you to move in sync with Me and I will accomplish My will through you.

Humility is even more vital now in this new day, when I'm asking each of My children who are willing, to be channels of My Words from Heaven. In order to be a clean channel, a fully useful vessel, you must be humble and meek. Once you start taking the credit to yourself, or even start thinking of yourself as better than another, then that's the beginning of the end as far as receiving My Words is concerned.

If you want to continue being used of Me in this special way, if you want to continue being a vessel that I can fill, then you have to continually strip off your pride, strip off your outer coverings, continually confess that you are nothing, and constantly come before Me and others in humility. I can only use broken men and women, humble men and women; no others will do. This is why it is so vital to strive to don the spirit of humility, wear the clothes of meekness, and put on the garments of lowliness.

(Stay Humble! [#3235])

I'm attracted to those who yearn for Me, who desire Me, who are desperate for Me, who can't live without Me. I'm more willing to show Myself strong on the behalf of one who is completely dependent on Me than to one who is dependent on himself--his own strength, his own wisdom, his own arm of the flesh. This attitude of self-confidence may not be a spoken one, but is made manifest by your actions. If you do not come to Me for your strength, wisdom or help, are you not striving in your own strength?

. So if you want My strength, My help, My power, My miracles and My anointing, then stay in a constant state of desperation--constantly wanting Me, needing Me, loving Me, acknowledging Me, and spending time with Me--and I will be drawn closer to you and will show Myself strong on your behalf. If I know you're depending solely upon Me, then I'm moved to work on your behalf and give you all that you desire.

(Desperate for Jesus! [#3250])

Jesus:) The concept of "resting in Me" sounds very similar to other things I've given you in the past, such as the art of dependence, full possession, temple time, etc. The difference here is that I'm asking you to see this strength or gift as an offensive weapon, as a part of your spiritual arsenal. When you use it, you are choosing to defeat the Enemy and his spirit of busyness. You're choosing to defeat the arm-of-the-flesh syndrome. You're choosing to activate trust in your own heart and life, and peace, and strengthen your faith.

You're choosing dependence on Me over anything you can see or do in the natural.

You're choosing to place all your bets on Me--the author and finisher of your faith--and trust that I am strong and able and capable of doing whatever you need. In short, you're choosing the heavenly way over the ways of Earth, the heavenly mindset over the earthly mindset, My perspective over the natural human perspective. You're choosing to lean hard on miracles, on Me, on My power. You're resting in Me, trusting in Me, believing in Me. And that very act releases such tremendous power, it completely defeats the Enemy.

You can use this weapon of resting in Me in many ways.

You can choose to stay a little longer in My arms when you feel tempted to get up and get into your work right away.

You can choose to pray for something instead of getting involved yourself.

You can choose to hear from Me before giving an answer.

You can choose to praise Me for the victory and refuse to let yourself get worried when you hear bad news

. All these are examples of using the gift of resting in Me as a weapon to defeat the Enemy and bring victory.

(Resting In The Lord, Part 1 [#3621a])

What is success in My eyes? What do you receive eternal rewards for? What is considered "success" in My Kingdom? What is true accomplishment for Me? How do I measure it? What is most important to Me? It's very simple: love and faithfulness.

I gave a pretty clear answer in the Bible when I said, through Paul, "One thing is required of a servant, and that is to be found faithful." That pretty much sums it up. Faithfulness to Me, and faithfulness to love--that's the true measure of success in My eyes. Faithfulness in doing what I have called you to do, in the way that I have called you to do it, and in the role I have called you to play. That's what you should work for in your service for Me if you want to be truly successful.

So if you want true success, be faithful! If you want to be a flash in the pan and have your moment of glory, well, do it your way. The choice is up to you. Don't worry about what others think--don't worry even about what you think or how it looks to you--just worry about what I think. When you choose to do what I've asked of you, no matter how it looks to others, be proud of it! The foolishness of God is better than the wisdom of man! Once you have that pride in your calling, it makes all the difference in the world--and the System will notice it too. Many will still despise you, but others will respect you for your convictions, even if they don't understand you or agree with you. And others will be drawn to the spirit and will come to know Me through you. And that, My dear ones, is the greatest success of all!

(Shooting Straight, Part 13 [#3536])

Unless God is able to break your spirit, you can never be truly USEFUL to the Lord! If you have a proud & a haughty spirit, a selfish spirit, a spirit which is unyielding & unbending & unsundered, you can never be greatly used by the Lord! And I don't think that you can even really be a good leader, a wise humble leader, until you've pulled some awful boners & made some terrible mistakes & committed a few sins & really blown it a few times yourself! For one thing, you'll never be humble enough!

67. So it's GOOD for you to make mistakes, it keeps you humble! I make LOTS of'm! If I didn't make some mistakes I'd probably get really proud & think I was very wholly sanctified & couldn't sin! I'd probably get really proud of my sanctimonious holiness! But it seems like the Lord makes me one of the biggest mistake-makers in the World to keep me humble!

68. The Lord probably WANTS you to fail sometimes so you won't get to thinking too highly of YOURSELF & think that YOU know everything. Blowing it now & then really humbles you & keeps you more dependent on Him. Sometimes He has to LET you fail & make mistakes to keep you in a HUMBLE spirit! Amen?

69. So you can even look on your FAILURES as a positive thing, from a positive viewpoint.--Not taking it as the Lord trying to crush you to the ground & letting the Enemy walk all over you, but that He's actually HONORING you by teaching you these important lessons by letting such things happen. You ought to be really THANKING Him for it! YOU may FEEL bad, but you should thank the LORD, because it's wonderful that you can learn these lessons which help you to GROW! It's even a blessing that we can fall sometimes, because often we get our greatest victories out of seeming defeats!

70. It's so wonderful how God takes a hand & humbles people, including me, because I am nobody & Jesus knows it. You will never make it unless God breaks you & humbles you & you realise that YOU are NOTHING!

71. God breaks us in MERCY.--And has mercy in our breaking.

(Self-Righteousness! [#2140])

Jesus speaking:) Any one of you, no matter how strong you may seem in the spirit, can fall by the wayside if you do not continue to seek My face, stay close to Me, and tap in to the power that I have. The pressures, the cares of this world, the strains of it all, the attacks of the Enemy from every side will get to you after a while if you don't spend the time with Me that you need--the daily washing of regeneration and renewing of My Holy Ghost.

Never think that you can do it in the arm of your flesh, for you will fall if you do not learn these lessons. Learn that just like in the oil lamp, the wick must be immersed in the oil. If it is not, the wick will burn, and it will burn black, and it will soon burn out. I wish for you to burn bright and beautiful, but I do not wish for you, the wick, to burn. I wish for you to burn the oil of My Spirit, and that's what I want people to see.

You can't do it of your own self, your own power; it's just not enough. It won't cut it, especially not in this time. The power that you have must come from Me. I wish for you to die to your own self so that you will not live anymore, but that it will be Me living and working through you. That's how you will be most effective, and that's how you will stay alive spiritually and be able to help others as well.

No one can save themselves, so it's no use even trying. You have to call on Me for your help and your salvation lest you sink deeper and deeper into the lies and doubts of the Enemy. I know it's hard.

Like that song says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." If you continue to keep your eyes fixed on Me, then all the things of this life will diminish. All the pressures that you feel, all the problems that surround you, all the attacks of the Enemy, things that the Devil tries to throw at you to hinder you will grow dim. And eventually they won't even be an issue because you know you can look to Me for the answers. You can look to Me for the strength that you need, the courage, the patience, or whatever you need to overcome these different obstacles. It will all be right there for you, and you'll know it. You won't worry and feel under pressure, because you know that you can take those burdens and pressures to Me and I will sustain you and give you the strength that you need. (

(Weakness Revolution-Part 2)

Jesus speaking: Come before Me quietly. Step into My chambers leaving your slippers behind. Undress at the door and let your hair hang down. I know you've been busy all this while, trying as

you might to please Me. I've let you go about, running here and there to finish up this or that and to make some, "much needed progress", but now as you happen to quickly run pass Me, I reach out My hand and grab yours... It's time to attend to something much more important now. Look Me in the eye, don't try and divert your gaze, don't even try and look around you at all the things yet to do, all the responsibilities that seem so never ending. I don't want you to get distracted by them now. Close your eyes if you must and breathe; yes, breathe. Breathe Me in and one by one, put it all down. Your mind says, I have to, I have to! Anything but the silence, anything but this stillness of nothing to do! How can you find Me when your mind is in a million different places? You aren't scheduled for anything; I've just scheduled you for an appointment in MY office. You know where to find it don't you? it isn't all that formal really and once you step inside with the requirements of entre met (no, earthly entire, no burdens and no scheduled time of exit) you'll find Me there; I won't be sitting at a desk telling you to report your progress or to hold up a list of things not yet done, nor will I be there with a stick ready to correct you for the mistakes and wrongs that you've done recently. Maybe that's why it's been so hard for you to find Me lately; maybe you've been peeping in looking for My "office" when really I've been asking you to come to My chambers... Ahhh, yes, this is also My "office" for a different kind of work is done here. I've placed the key to this room in your hand a long time ago, sometimes though when you go seeking it out you seem to forget just where it was located and you wander about looking in different rooms wondering, "Where have I gone?" But I have told you, and I am waiting here... hold up those keys, you know which ones I speak of, and they will lead the way, they will glow brightly and the most sweetest melody will play in your ears, this is when you know you are near and I am calling you. I call and call, look up, I am waiting.

Let down your hair My sweet and climb over those walls, you are still bound, bound by so many things and I so long to free you. It is Me who is going to do this, not you, no, not this time. Only by allowing Me to wash over you, completely take over you will you be able to be free. Do not sit down and cry wondering how in the world you could still be so caught and bound when it seems you have tried and tried and gone through so much already to be free. Yes, you have fought and fought well, but now I must pull you aside and tell you of a new way I wish for you to fight. You've heard it all before but now I want you to take a deeper look into it. I want you to read through the resting in Me series. This will help you more easily find the peace and balance you need. It's ok not to have the right words to say, to feel it's too much, it's not a sin, but a tool I am using, take it as such and be thankful for how I am using this to call you to My side. I want you to forget the problems, forget it all, forget the striving and pressure, and surrender it all up!

Let it all go. Lay down, lay down on your back and look up. I've placed you on a clean white sheet on a raised marble surface; the room is dark and very cool. The roof is dome shaped and as you open your eyes all around you you see stars. Thousands and upon thousands of stars! They form constellations and milky-ways; there are even shooting stars and glistening planets that slowly move and orbit. Let Me lift the burdens off you as you lie here, free, so free. The tiredness fades as you lay there stretched out on the cool marble and getting lost in the immense amount of stars and wonders I pour out for your eyes to see. This is more than just a planetarium, it's real and it heals and soothes and mends. I love you sweet darling, and there is nothing I wouldn't do for you; yes even the pain I put you through is part of the "what I wouldn't do for you". Please don't grow weary in My love for you, though it is oft very hard to understand and take. You are My valiant little soldier who has gone so far for Me, I know you won't stop here, but this I ask of you, step out of the playing field you are so used to fighting on and come join Me, I have a new field for you to work from.

