

“Mustard Seed Success”

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Matthew 17:14-20

INTRODUCTION

- the reality of personal failure

“Success is never final; failure is never fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”
– *Winston Churchill*

SETTING (17:14-15)

- glory on the mountain

- pain in the valley
Lk. 9:31; Mk. 9:14-15

1. Failure...for all the world to see (17:16-18)

- Jesus’ power and authority granted to them
Mt. 10:1, 5, 8; Mk. 6:12

- Jesus’ rebuke

2. Standing back up...for all the world to see (17:19-20)

- “little faith”
Mt. 6:30; 8:25-26; 14:31; 16:8

- God’s intention to grow faith

- mustard seed faith
- the comparison
Mt. 13:31-32

- the illustration

- the conclusion

APPLICATION

“Too many people are having what we call near-life experiences. They go through life bunting, so afraid of failure that they never try to win the big prize, never knowing the thrill of hitting a home run, or even taking a swing at the ball.”
– *unknown*

“An inventor fails 999 times, and if he succeeds once, he’s in. He treats his failures simply as practice shots.” – *Charles Kettering*
“Failure is the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently.”
– *Henry Ford*

a. Failure drives us to _____.
2 Chr. 16:9a

- for what are you trusting God today that only He can accomplish?

b. Failure develops our _____.
Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 4:7; 2 Cor. 4:7; Prov. 24:16

“It is doubtful that God can use any man greatly until He’s hurt him deeply.”
– *A.W. Tozer*