

FAILING FORWARD

Samson Series, Part 4

June 25, 2017

"For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again."

Proverbs 24:16

A man's greatest fear is _____, and

his greatest pain is _____

"²³Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, 'Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands.' ²⁴When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, 'Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain.' ²⁵While they were in high spirits, they shouted, 'Bring out Samson to entertain us.' So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, ²⁶Samson said to the servant who held his hand, 'Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them.' ²⁷Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. ²⁸Then Samson prayed to the Lord, 'Sovereign Lord, remember me. Please, God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes.' ²⁹Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, ³⁰Samson said, 'Let me die with the Philistines!' Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived." Judges 16:23-30

Failure is an _____, never a _____

Two responses to failure ...

The natural response is _____

The better response is _____

Even in our failures God can _____

NEXT WEEK ...



All religions point to three things: *you ought to . . . you don't . . . you're toast.* Religion is all about following the rules, but Jesus had something different in mind. He is more interested in us following *Him* than following the rules. In fact, He makes a pretty bold promise for those who choose relationship over rules. In this message, we will discover how to be spiritually free.



THE REACHING PROJECT
March 5 – August 27
Goal: \$150,000
First Floor Classrooms
Prayer Garden
New A/V Equipment
Parking

Weekly Financial Report June 12 - 18, 2017

Tithes & Offerings: \$ 8,995

Weekly Budget: \$17,154

Reaching Project Goal: \$150,000

Given to date: \$ 85,765