



Sermon series: Fighting Fear with Fear
Text: Numbers 13:31-14:10
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Fear of God > The Fear of Failure

Big Idea: The Fear of God frees us to take risks with our lives.

The Tragedy: A fear of failure can lead to a _____ to _____ well.

Three Me-Centered Focuses behind the Fear of Failure.

1. Fear of failure focuses on MY _____ and failure rather than on _____ to GOD.
2. Fear of Failure focuses on MY _____ rather than GOD's _____. (Deut. 9:1-3)
3. Fear of failure focuses on MY _____ rather than GOD's _____.

Three God-Centered Truths that Can Free Us from the Fear of Failure.

1. God always _____ the _____ in his hands. (2 Samuel 10:11-12; Esther 4:16)
2. God will bring _____ from our _____.
3. God loves to work through _____, _____, _____ people to demonstrate His power. (2 Corinthians 5:5, 12:9; 1 Peter 4:11)

The Gospel _____ us the _____ to fail.

1. Christ's success is what _____ us, not our success or failures. (Galatians 2:20)
2. Nothing, nothing, nothing can _____ us from God's love. (Romans 8:38-39)

Can you think of areas in your own life where you wrestle with a fear of failing? What effect does this fear have on you?

What are some of the risks God has led you to take in your own life? What has helped you to take those risks? What was the outcome of taking those risks?

Which of the three me-centered focuses behind a fear of failure do you struggle with the most in your own life?

Where are areas in your own life where you have experienced failure or just struggled with feeling like you are failing?



Are there ways you have seen God use failure in your own life for good?

Parents, what are ways that you can teach your kids to fail well? How can you model for them the importance of taking risks?

In your own life where have you felt weak, inadequate, and insufficient? Are there ways this has held you back from serving or leading in some way?

How have you seen God work in the midst of your own weakness and insufficiency?

What's one area in your own life that you are wrestling with some decision, action, or step? What might it look to be faithful to God and trust him with the outcome?

What's one place in your life where God might be calling you to do something or try something that feels like a risk?

Further Resources:

- [Risk is Right – John Piper](#)
- [How to Live For God Through Fear of Failure – livingtogo.com](#)
- [Being a Loser and the Freedom to Fail – Ed Welch](#)