

God's Words of Life on
FAILURE

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 121:1-2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:15-18

Devotional Thought on
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It would be a tragedy if my kids grew up knowing only that their dad was a good football player and husband and father. If they thought I expected them to live every minute of their lives the way they have seen me live as they grew up, they would be frustrated and devastated if they ever failed. I want them to know what they didn't see, when I failed miserably and only came out of it by the grace of God.

As they get older and able to understand, I'm committed to being open and honest with them. I want them to know of my mistakes so they can avoid them. I also want them to know of my mistakes because they will make their own, and I don't want them to feel they are the first person in the family to fail.

I want to be able to sit with my kids and tell them some of the things I have done. Not to glorify sin. Not to justify it. Not to say everybody does it so it must be okay. Rather, because I'm not proud of it and because I don't want them to feel unique. Most of all, I want them to know that by the grace of God, he brought me through it and out of it, and he can do the same for them.

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