

Our Failure is Not Our End

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Many times when I've failed, I've felt like I should just toss in the towel. Resign. I've also felt like the worst husband or the most unfit father. Secretly, I wished someone else would just assume my responsibilities, because I certainly didn't believe I was doing a good enough job.

In such moments when we most need hope, Satan slithers by hissing that hope is all but gone: "There will never be any more hope. Not after what you did!"

But remember that this hellion is a notorious liar. Jesus called him "the father of lies" (John 8:44).

If we foolishly believe the devil's falsifications, we certainly will give up. But if we resist him and lift up our eyes to where our help comes from, we will experience the life giving restoration that can only come from God. I believe that is why Paul encourages us in 2 Corinthians 4:18 to "fix our eyes not on what is seen [the natural], but on what is unseen [the supernatural]. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

God's desire is that through our failure we will allow Him to make us into useful vessels that far surpass the beauty we had before. But this doesn't mean we have to see ourselves as accepting God's second best for our lives. Our failures don't warrant us to live by Plan B rather than the first choice of Plan A. That's not how He thinks.

It's true that sin has its price to pay. But that doesn't prohibit the Lord from doing what He wants through the lives of His children. God remains forever able to fulfill His perfect plan for us. Remember, I said perfect plan, the best plan, not the second best.

God sees the end from the beginning and knows all things before we even enter the scene. His perfect plan remains.