

Scripture Reading: James 3:2  
Message: II Corinthians 4:7-18

#### I. Review - Procrastination

- A. We are all guilty at one time or another
- B. Procrastination robs us of our chance to serve, success and salvation *Acts 24:24-25, 26:28*
- C. Procrastination does not take into account the uncertainty of life and the uniqueness on conviction

#### II. Failure

- A. It is guaranteed
  - 1. It will happen at some time in your life
- B. Failure can be an opportunity to learn
  - 1. I think I learn more from my failure than success
- C. God understands *Hebrews 4:15-16*
  - 1. He has compassion on us, but does not condone sin

#### III. Reasons for our failure

- A. So we can succeed later *vv. 17-18*
  - 1. We learn from them - don't repeat them
- B. We learn to face failure without losing heart *v. 16*
- C. We learn to view things with an eternal perspective *v. 18*
  - 1. We may feel humiliated and embarrassed, but we learn to look from God's perspective

#### IV. To defeat failure

- A. Admit it
  - 1. We have all failed at something
  - 2. But not all failure is sin - Job
  - 3. Those who are honest with their past and not run from it are more successful
- B. Accept God's forgiveness *Psalms 103:10*
  - 1. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins"
- C. Apply the lessons you have learned, to success
  - 1. WD40
- D. Accept failure as a fact of life - not a way of life *John 21*
  - 1. Peter was questioned by Jesus
  - 2. So get up and start again
- E. Do not judge others for their failures
  - Luke 18:14 Pharisee and poor man pray
  - Luke 7:39-50 Pharisee and the prostitute

#### V. In your daily life

- A. Do not be judgmental, be humble *James 4:10*
- B. Learn from your failures and move on
  - 1. Don't live in the past beating yourself up over them
- C. Remember: you are called to be faithful not successful *Matthew 25:23*
  - "well done good and faithful servant" not successful
  - The words we should all long to hear

Hymn: 1 Footsteps of Jesus Pg. 685 (4 Verses) Luke 5:11

Hymn: 2 Are You Washed in the Blood? Pg. 330 (4 Verses) Revelation 7:14

Hymn: 3 Victory in Jesus (3 Verses) Pg. 353 1 Corinthians 15:52

Hymn: 4 Where He Leads I'll Go Pg. 593 3 Verses John 10:27

# MESSAGE NOTES

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