

Hello everyone.

Let's pray for the broadcast.

Jesus, there are people out there who think they have ruined their lives . They have injured other people or they have been hurt very deeply. Please anoint the words spoken today and let Your Word renew hope and restore lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

Last time, I shared some scriptures and practical ways to help you deal with the pain of loss. I broke down the process of healing from major losses.

Today, I want to talk to the people that feel like they have tried to have a successful life, but they Struck-Out! They blew their opportunity. They took the shot and missed.

Now they think, " my life is ruined". I am the World's Biggest Loser. I am a failure. How could I be that Stupid. It's All-Over.

They carry around guilt, shame, disgrace, and humiliation.

They even hate themselves because they feel totally responsible.

They live their lives in regret, thinking I will never get another chance.

But, I have good news. All of those, statements are lies. They are lies that satan and the ways of the world has programmed us to believe.

2Co 1:3 Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **mercies**, and the God of all comfort;

Dan 9:9 To the Lord our God *belong* **mercies** and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him;

I want to share some examples of people that should have failed, but went on to be great.

One person was Babe Ruth the baseball player. Many of you know that he held the record for the most home runs in his career for 39 years.

But did you know that he also held the record for the number of strikeouts.

Babe Ruth was known as the "King of Swing". He would just go for it. He had an All or Nothing batting style. However, today Babe Ruth's fearless "swing and miss" strategy is referred to as a "great contact hitter". Babe Ruth knew something that most of you do not realize. You can't hit something, if don't swing at it.

Here's another shocker for you. Most people who are self-made millionaires, had to file for bankruptcy at least once and some several times. But they did not give up.

The Bible is full of people that missed the mark. That also happens to be the definition of the word "sin". It just means you missed the target.

David committed murder and adultery, but God stated that "David was a man after God's own heart".

1Samuel 13:14 But now Saul, thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought David a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded David *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

Look at Samson. He really blew it. But Samson repented and rebounded in the end. The Bible says that Samson killed more enemies in his last act on earth than all the previous times combined.

[Judges 16:30](#) And **Samson** said, Let me die with the Philistines. And

he bowed himself with *all his* might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that *were* therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life.

What about Peter. Peter denied Jesus three times, but on the day of Pentecost he led 3,000 to salvation.

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received Peter's word were baptized: and the same day there were saved about three thousand souls.

God says He is able to make our latter house, greater than our former house.

Job 8:7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

We must not give up!

When you try and fail, learn the "ART of the Re-bound".

We will use the basketball player that excels in Re-bounding the ball as an example.

Great re-bouncers are not always the tallest, the strongest, or great at the free-throw line.

What tough re-bouncers have is HEART!

Desire to get their hands on the ball AFTER a Missed Shot is more important than skill or size or technique.

George Raveling, is Nike's Director of International Basketball, he says that "Rebounding is 75% desire and 25% ability".

Rebounders play with the intensity that a Championship game is on the line. They look at every Missed Shot as an opportunity, not a failure.

Now let's look at some of the fundamentals of the Re-bound.

I will first focus on the value of the initial position of the player when the shot is taken. Players consider a good place to get the rebound is by skill, luck, or design.

I believe a good place to get a rebound in life is by divine design. You connect with God's plan for your rebound on bent knees.

Bend your knees to repent of your mistake. Surrender your failure to God. Accept God's forgiveness and grace. Pray and receive God's power to recover. Ask God for another opportunity to fulfill His assignment for your life. God created the do-over, the new beginning, the re-set button. God is the God of second chances.

Next, concentrate on what your arms are doing. Rebounders have their arms in the air. They use their arms to block out, box in, and to take up space.

When you need to rebound from failure in life, you need to put your arms in the air, up to heaven, and start praising and worshiping God.

Your praise will break the chains of pressure, pain, problems, or the pressure, the pain, the problem will break your praise.

There is a Christian song that says:

The chains that try to bind you,

Serve only to remind you,

They drop powerless behind you,

Every time you Praise the Lord

Your worship is a weapon. God inhabits our praise. Satan can't stand your praises.

So to grow close to God and drive out satan.

Praise the Lord!

Finally, stop dribbling the ball. Once you have possession of the ball it is time to plant your feet firmly, make a wide stance, occupy more real estate, and "chin the ball". This means protect and secure your territory and make it harder to steal the ball from you.

As believers we must stabilize and not be tossed about by satan's lies or opinions of men. If you are not secure in the truth of God's Word you will lose the ball and the opportunity to bounce back from a missed shot.

Every one fails at one time or another, but it is those who have the desire to get back up, learn from their mistakes, and get back in the race, they finish strong. Never let the missed shot take you out of the game. Rebound and go on to do impactful things with your life.

Here is the Truth. God can redeem your mistakes. God can even restore what you think are wasted years of your life. According to [Joel 2:25](#) God will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten

Remember, with God, the rest of your life can be the best of your life.

I want to offer everyone the opportunity to pray and make Jesus their Lord and Savior. Jesus is the ONLY WAY to redeem your soul from sin. Repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I humble myself and repent of my sins. Please forgive me. I believe You sacrificed your life and rose again from the dead to secure my salvation. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, Amen.

If you said this prayer, please write me and acknowledge that you have received Jesus. Public confession is part of the process.

Find a local church and other Christians to support your faith.

I am very interested in praying for you. You can contact me at my web site.

Please continue to listen and we will read and study and grow in God's Word together.

Thank you and God bless you.

God is not limited by time.
God can expand or contract time.

God made the sun stand still so the Israelites could defeat their enemies.

Josuha 10:13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not go down about a whole day.

God can make the sun go backwards. God reversed time to confirm to the king his promise.

Isiah 38:7 & 8 And this *shall be* a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken;

Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

Also, you can read in John 2: 7-10 where Jesus turned water into wine. Here God contracted time. Do you have any idea how many years it takes to develop wine into the best wine at the wedding feast?

First you have to allow the grape vines several years of producing grapes before they are fit for wine making. Then you have to process the wine and let the juice ferment. Finally, you have to allow the wine to age in the bottle until it develops its most robust flavor.

But Jesus turned water into wine in seconds. If God can transcend time, there is nothing that God cannot do.

Whatever you are facing today, do NOT Limit God!