

"Do You Feel Like a Failure?"

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There have been many times in my life that I have felt like a failure. Times where I have felt as if I was failing as a preacher, friend, son, husband, and even as a Christian. My spirit has been desolated while a feeling of hopelessness and worthlessness has consumed me. I do not know if you have ever felt like I have but I want to assure you there is comfort in the word of God.

Psalm 73 is a Psalm of Asaph and is a psalm all about failure. In verses 2-15 the psalmist is laying out the struggles they have been overwhelmed by. They had become envious of the prosperity of the wicked. Even though they were sitting themselves against God the psalmist writes that the wicked had a mind of ease and were increasing in wealth. (v.12) This led to the psalmist being downtrodden in their mind and spirit.

There is a transition in verse 16 of this psalm though. The psalmist recognizes the troublesome mindset they have developed and did the best thing they could have, they turned to God. Paul would command this same thing in Philippians 4:6-7. As Paul gave this command of praying in times that our mind is warring within itself, he also gave an encouragement; God will guard your heart, even when you don't know exactly how or why. For the psalmist, their renewal of spirit came in the realization that the end for the wicked is calamity but the for the faithful it is glory. (v.17-24)

Psalm 73:26 is the verse that I find most comforting in this psalm. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." It rings with sound of Psalm 28:7. At times we may feel like failures, but our God is there to pick us up. (1 Pt 5:6-7) But we must humbly go before Him in those times our spirit is hurting. As Christians we should always desire to be better, but that does not mean that we are always failures. (Matt 5:6, Ps 145:19) Though we may fail at times along the way, we must turn to the Lord, pick ourselves up, and keep running to the upward call. (Phil 3:14)



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1 Peter 1:15-16

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