

Courageous Christianity #2
How God Uses Failure!
II Corinthians 4:15-17

Love never fails. ~ I Corinthians 13:8

Introduction: Is failure superior to success? It DEPENDS.

- FAILURE is usually a better teacher than success.

➤ It will teach you to PRAY.

- Failure is a greater catalyst for spiritual growth.

Bottom Line: Better to try and fail than to do nothing.

I. In Defense of John Mark.

- Was JM called like Paul and Barnabas?
- The problem of getting ahead of the Holy Spirit.
 - ❖ How did it turn out? The Gospel of Mark.

II. In BROKENNESS we are made whole.

- God uses failure to bring us to brokenness.
 - ❖ But It's not a guarantee of spiritual GROWTH.
 - ❖ Yet it makes us aware of our NEED for God.
- There is no short cut to WHOLENESS.

III. 3 Essentials to make the most of failure.

- * Never quit; never surrender. PERSERVERE.
- * Always take RESPONSIBILITY for your own behavior.
 - ❖ The History of BLAME.
- * Let God take the LEAD.