

SECOND CHANCE, SECOND ACT

TURNING YOUR MESSSES INTO SUCCESSES

‘FESS UP TO YOUR MESS UP

Selected Scriptures

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INTRODUCTION: “Confession is good for the soul” but it is also essential for beginning your “second act” after failure.

I. Why We Deny Our Failures

A. Pride

Romans 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

B. Fear

C. Ignorance

1 Samuel 15:14 “But Samuel said, ‘What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?’”

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II. The Benefits Of Confession

A. Admitting Our Failure Allows Us to Receive God's Forgiveness

B. Admitting Our Failure Results in Renewed Emotional and Physical Vitality

Psalm 32:3-4 “³When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.”

Psalm 32:5, 11 “⁵I acknowledged my sin to Thee, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;’ and Thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin. ¹¹Be glad in the Lord and rejoice you righteous ones, and shout for joy all you who are upright in heart.”

C. Admitting Our Failure Encourages Us to Hit the Reset Button of Our Lives

D. Admitting Our Failure Allows Us to Learn from Our Mistakes

Messages

Interruptions

Signposts

Tests

Awakenings

Keys

Explorations

Statements

Proverbs 26:11 “Like a dog that returns to its vomit, is a fool who repeats his folly.”

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III. How to 'Fess Up To Your Mess Up

A. Determine If You Have Really Failed

1. What standard am I using?
2. Am I making this judgment prematurely?

B. Identify the Role Others May Have Played in Your Failure

Ephesians 4:32 “And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

C. Acknowledge Your Responsibility for Your Failure

1 Peter 5:5 “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.”

D. Receive God's Forgiveness for Your Failure

Psalm 51:1-4 “¹Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness; according to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, and done what is evil in Thy sight, so that Thou are justified when Thou dost speak, and blameless when Thou dost judge.”

Conclusion