

**Title:** Facing Failure

**Text:** “For the righteous falls seven times and rises again...” **Proverbs 24:16**

**Target:** It’s NOT “if” you will fall, it’s “when” you fall, but it’s how quick you get up that counts.

1. **Our Value before Failure:** “For the **righteous** falls seven times and rises again...”
  - a. **Your Standing:** For you are declared righteous!
  - b. **Your Significance:** For you are defended as righteous!
  - c. **Your Status:** For you are destined as righteous!
  
2. **Our View towards Failure:** “For the righteous **falls** seven times and rises again...”
  - a. **The Fact of Failure:** Failure is **NOT** avoidable!
  - b. **The Fear of Failure:** Failure is **NOT** final!
  - c. **The Filter of Failure:** Failure is **NOT** a percentage, it’s a process!
  
3. **Our Vision through Failure:** “For the righteous falls **seven times** and rises again...”
  - Mistakes lead to Maturity.
  - Incapability is not your Identity.
  - Resistance produces Rationality
  - Rejection inspires Resiliency
  - Obstacles give Opportunity
  - Ruin is not your Reality
  
4. **Our Victory over Failure:** “For the righteous falls seven times and **rises again**...”
  - a. **Gain a New Perspective:** “I have not failed. I just found 10,000 ways that don’t work” - Thomas A. Edison
    1. **Accept Responsibility:** Own it!
    2. **Examine the Reason:** Learn from it!
    3. **Discover a Result:** Build on it!
  - b. **Grip your Known Purpose:** “Failure doesn’t come from falling down. Failure comes from not getting up.” - Unknown

**Take Away:** I would rather be wet in failure outside of the boat, than be dry and called a success in the boat! (Matthew 14:28-33)