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)