



**FREEDOM FOR MEN • New Heart • New Mind • New Life**  
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**Chapter 3: Choosing HOPE in the midst of discouragement.**

**Week 9: Accountability, codependency, doubt and repeated FAILURE.**

**Video: Planes, Trains and Automobiles**

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**Theme verse:** *For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see. They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.* – Psalm 40:12

**Word of the Week: Fail**

**Quote:** “The more you do, the more you fail. The more you fail, the more you learn. The more you learn, the better you get.”

– John C. Maxwell

**John Eldredge:** “The experience of coming alive as a man is so underrated in our culture right now.”

**Highlight Song: Hope Says, Consumed By Fire**

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## Word of the Week: Fail/Failure

### Dictionary:

*verb*

- to fall short of success or achievement in something expected, attempted, desired, or approved: *The experiment failed because of poor planning.*
- to receive less than the passing grade or mark in an examination, class, or course of study: *He failed in history.*
- to be unsuccessful in the performance or completion of: *He failed to do his duty.*
- to prove of no use or help to: *His friends failed him. Words failed her.*

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**“Most people don’t plan to fail, they fail to plan.”** – John J. Beckley

**“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”** – Winston Churchill

**“Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.”** – Henry Ford.

**“Don’t permit fear of failure to prevent effort. We are all imperfect and will fail on occasions, but fear of failure is the greatest failure of all.”**

– John Wooden

**“Failure is success in progress.”** – Albert Einstein.

**“Do not be embarrassed by your failures, learn from them and start again.”** – Richard Branson

**“Failure is merely feedback that there is something blocking the path of the emergence and expansion of the greatest version of yourself.”**

– Mother Teresa

### **Bible: Nehemiah 9:17**

They refused to listen and **failed** to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to

return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them.

### **Psalm 31:9-10**

Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength **fails** because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.

### **Psalm 40:12**

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### **Proverbs 15:22**

Plans **fail** for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

### **Ecclesiastes 6:6-7**

Even if he lives a thousand years twice over but **fails** to enjoy his prosperity. Do not all go to the same place? Everyone's toil is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied.

### **Mark 8:17-19**

Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes but **fail** to see, and ears but **fail** to hear? Don't you remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"

### **Luke 6:42**

How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself **fail** to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

### **Romans 15:1-2**

We who are strong ought to bear with the **failings** of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up.

### **2 Corinthians 13:5-6**

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you **fail** the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not **failed** the test.