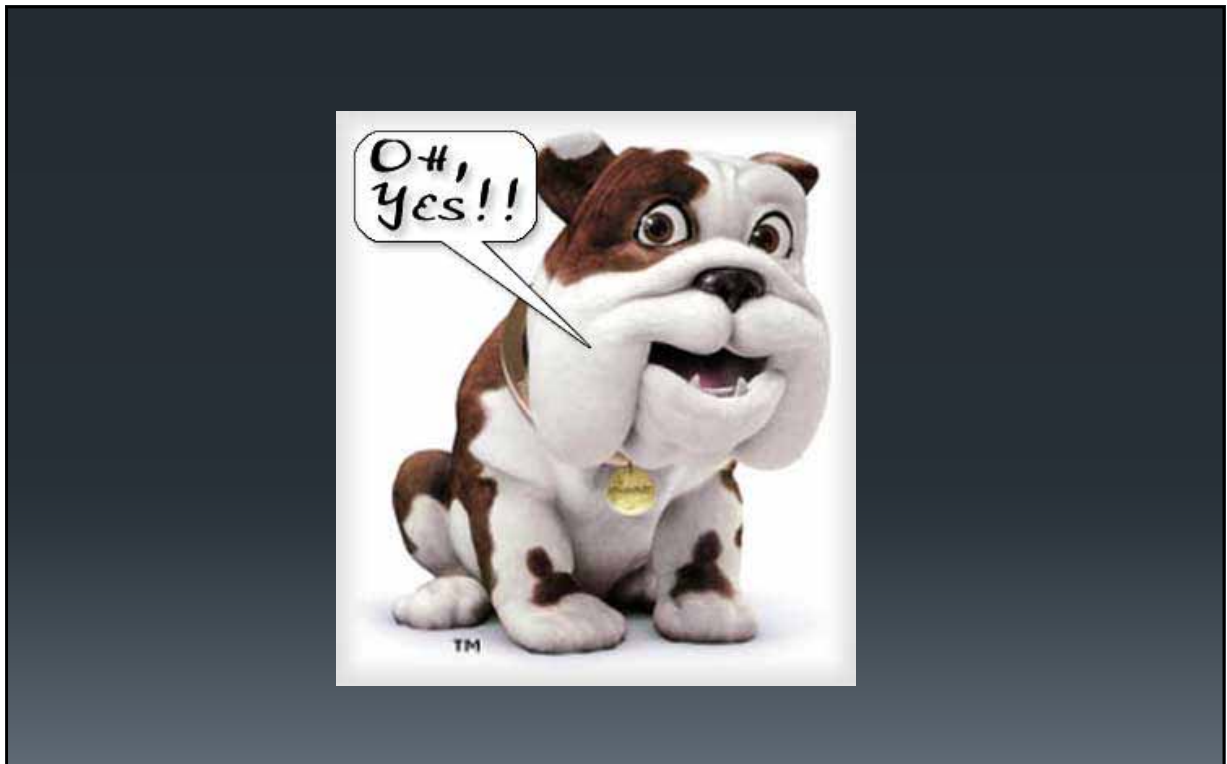




**Empowered by the Holy Spirit  
To Fail Well!**



"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup> and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup> This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup> They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith." Acts 6: 1-7 NIV Bible



# 1. Failing is a Part of Life

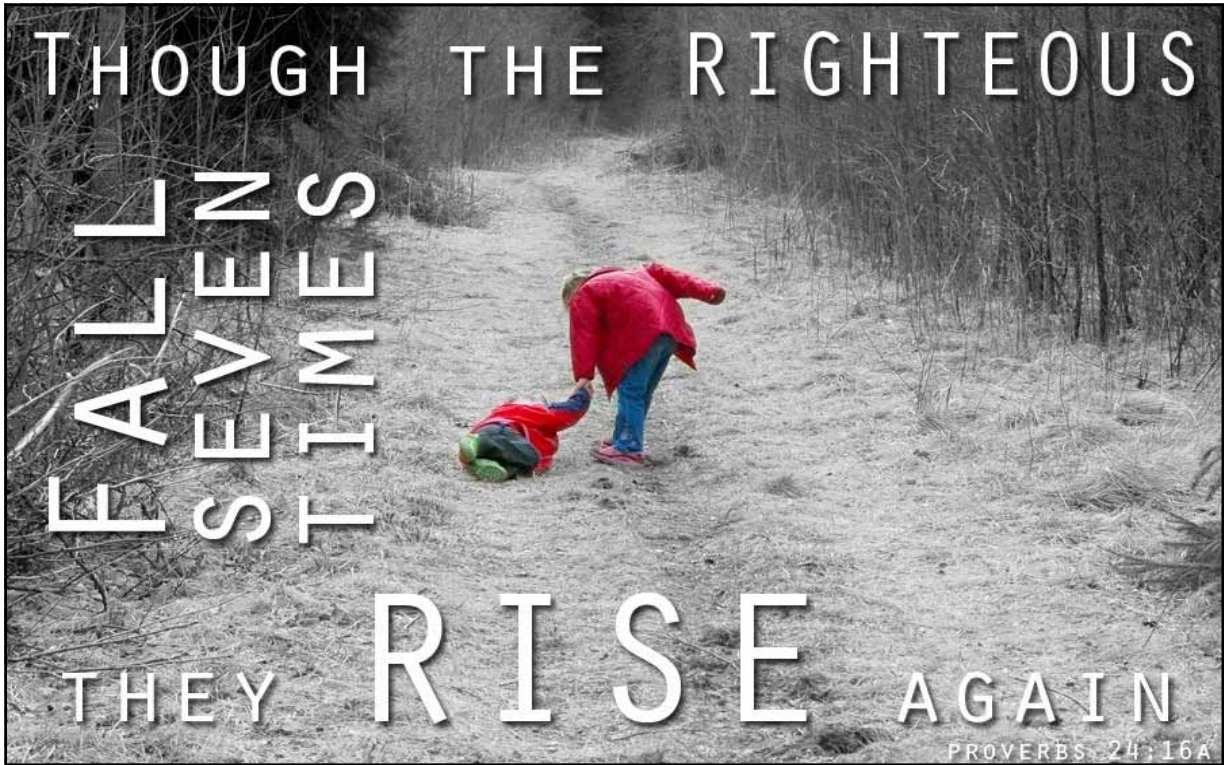


James 3:2 "We all stumble in many ways."



THERE IS NO ONE ON EARTH  
WHO DOES WHAT IS RIGHT  
ALL THE TIME AND NEVER  
MAKES A MISTAKE.  
(ECCLESIASTES 7:20 GNT)

## 2. Failure is Necessary for Success



**3. Failure is not Final**

**4. Give your Failings to Jesus**

➤ **Own your mistakes.**

➤ **Learn what they are designed to teach you.**

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15: 4-5 NIV Bible

➤ **Leave your failures at the feet of Jesus.**

➤ **Get up & try again in His strength.**



Let us not  
become weary  
in doing good,  
for at the proper time  
we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.  
Galatians 6 vs. 9