

August 16, 2026



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Sun.	Aug. 16	Prayer Group
Sun.	Aug. 16	Spanish Bible Study
Sun.	Aug. 16	PLACE Class
Sun.	Aug. 16	Discover LIFE Membership Class
Sun.	Aug. 16	18/24 Young Adults
Sun.	Aug. 16	SM Parent Meeting
Wed.	Aug. 19	LIFE Group Leaders Meeting
Wed.	Aug. 19	Student Ministry Kick Off
Sat.	Aug. 22	Student Ministry Pool & Pickleball
Sun.	Aug. 23	E3 Night and Baptism
Wed.	Aug. 26	Kids Ministry Volunteer Training
Sun.	Aug. 30	Stephen Ministry Interest Meeting
Sun.	Sept. 6	Family Worship Sunday

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Have you ever failed so badly that you wondered whether God could still forgive you and renew you? Scripture reveals that spiritual failure rarely happens all at once; it unfolds through recognizable steps that we can learn to identify and avoid. Today we will discover how focusing our faith on Jesus can lead us from shame and failure into forgiveness, restoration, and living in hope.

Grant Kaul, Senior Pastor

From Failure to Living in Hope

Matthew 26:31-75; John 21:15-22

The steps toward spiritual failure:

1. Focusing on ourselves

Matthew 26:31-35

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling."

Proverbs 16:18

2. Failing to pray

Matthew 26:36-46

3. Functioning in the flesh

Matthew 26:51-52

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4. Following Jesus at a distance

Matthew 26:57-58

5. Finding companionship among rejectors

Matthew 26:69-74

How God restores and uses people who have “missed the mark”:

1. Be broken over your sin

Matthew 26:75

2. Believe that God still loves you and forgives you

“...having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.”

John 13:1

3. Begin to hope again

John 21:15-22

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3

***Focusing our faith on Jesus Christ
will bring us from failure to living in hope.***

**Take
Next
Steps**



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My personal application of this passage:

Questions for individual study, small group Bible studies, and LIFE Groups:

1. What truth stands out to you about the steps toward spiritual failure or the way God restores us?
2. Why do self-confidence and prayerlessness often lead us toward spiritual failure?
3. What might “following Jesus at a distance” look like?
4. What is the difference between regret over failure and genuine repentance?
5. How should Christ’s restoring grace shape the way we respond to our own failures and the failures of others?



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