

When We Have Failed - What Next?

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This sermon encourages listeners to learn from their past failures, let go of regrets and setbacks, and embrace the gift of today, which is full of hope and promise.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 3:13

Topics: "Hope", "Letting Go of the Past"

Description

K.P. Yohannan emphasizes the importance of letting go of past failures and regrets, using the metaphor of a man choosing between memory and eyesight to illustrate the need to focus on the present rather than being burdened by the past. He encourages listeners to learn from their experiences but not to be held captive by them, as each new day is a gift filled with hope and potential. The sermon highlights God's promise of a hopeful future, urging individuals to embrace today and the opportunities it brings.

Transcript

I once heard about a man whose memory was failing. He went to his doctor to seek treatment. After this man had gone through various tests, his doctor's conclusion was, "I want to be of help, but in my opinion, we only have one option. I can do surgery to prevent you from losing more of your memory, but you need to know that in the process you could lose your eyesight." The doctor then left his patient with time to decide whether or not he wanted to go through with the treatment.

On the doctor's return, the man seeking help responded, "I've thought about it and decided not to have the surgery. I'd rather have my eyesight than my memory. I prefer to see where I'm going rather than remember where I've been." Although this is obviously not a true story, how many of us desperately wish we could in their entirety forget the failures of our past? So many of us don't experience joy in its fullest because we are still tethered to the sins of yesterday. We cannot change the past no matter how wishful we may be.

We can, however, learn from it. That's certainly better than being held captive to its regrets, setbacks and problems. Every morning you awake to a new gift-- the gift of today. It is my prayer that through this booklet you will be freed to let go of yesterday--learn from it, yes, but also let go of it--and then to embrace today. For today is full of hope. " 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' " (Jeremiah 29:11). I believe this small booklet is one of God's ways of extending hope to you right now. Please reach out and receive its truth. May God bless you.

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