



God's Promises When You're Afraid of Failing
Sunday, April 11 | Tommy Duke
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*“And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’
But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I
have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money
with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent
from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he
will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.’”*
– Matthew 25:25-29

THE TRUTH ABOUT FAILURE:

- _____ **IN MANY WAYS.**

“For we all stumble in many things.” – James 3:2

- **NO FAILURE IS _____ UNLESS _____.**

*“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if
we don’t give up.” – Galatians 6:9 (NLT)*

- **IF I’M WILLING TO _____, FAILURE IS THE _____.**

“He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”
– Proverbs 28:13

- **REGARDLESS, _____.**

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the
called according to His purpose.” – Romans 8:28*

I CAN NEUTRALIZE MY FEAR OF FAILURE BY...

- 1. REFUSING TO _____ TO OTHERS.**

*“But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in
another. For each one shall bear his own load.” – Galatians 6:4-5*

2. REDEFINING THE _____.

“And it is impossible to please God without faith.” – Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

3. REFOCUSING ON _____ FOR ME & OTHERS.

“Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.” – 1 John 4:18 (NLT)

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” – 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

4. REPLACING _____ WITH _____.

Memory Verse:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” – Philippians 4:13

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” – Isaiah 41:10

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” – 2 Timothy 1:7

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Philippians 4:13.
- Refuse this week to compare myself with others.
- Intentionally focus my attention on God’s love for me and share that love with the people I encounter.
- Participate in *Midweek @ FBC* this Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00pm.

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