

YOU CAN FAIL—FORWARD

Philemon 10-15

- 10 I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains,
- 11 who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me.
- 12 I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart,
- 13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel.
- 14 But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary.
- 15 For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever,
- 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord

Introduction

Onesimus (useless) was a run-away slave of the rich Christian man Philemon from Colosse. But miraculously Onesimus encountered Jesus Christ through Paul at a Roman jail and his life was turn around forever.

Abraham Lincoln Failures

This story shows an example that even the greatest achievers of all time have dealt with adversity. It documents the failures Abraham Lincoln endured on his way to becoming one of the greatest Presidents in the history of the United States.

Abraham Lincoln Failures

1831

– FAILED IN BUSINESS

1832

– DEFEATED FOR THE HOUSE

1834

– FAILED IN BUSINESS

1836

– NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

1838

– LOST AN ELECTION

1843

– LOST CONGRESSIONAL RACE

1846

– RAN FOR OFFICE AND LOST

1848

– RAN FOR OFFICE AND LOST

1855

– LOST SENATE RACE

1856

– UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS BID FOR VICE PRESIDENCY

1858

– LOST SENATE RACE

1860

– BECAME THE 16TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

It's not where you start—it's where you finish that matters.

Abraham Lincoln Failures

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing.”
“You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.”
“I will prepare, and someday, my chance will come.”
(Abraham Lincoln)

**Failures are finger posts on the road to
achievement
—C. S. Lewis**

**A diamond cannot be polished without
friction, nor a man perfected without trials
— Chinese proverb**

**If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you
want to go far, go with someone
—African proverb**

Why Do We Quit When We Fail?

1. We Are Surprised By Failures
2. We Don't Expect To Fail
3. We See Failure As An Enemy, Not As A Teacher
4. We Pretend As If It Has Never Happened
5. We Become Defensive, Depressed And Disconnected
6. We Fail To Learn Or Grow From Our Failures
7. We Fail To Persevere And Adjust To **Fail-forward**

A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner
— English proverb

Failure is the tuition you pay for success
— Walter Brunell

There is no doubt in my mind that there are many ways to be a winner, but there is only one way to be a loser, and that is to fail and NOT look beyond the failure.
— Kyle Rote, Jr.

Conclusion

Remember destiny is often discovered from crisis and failure. Do not forget Abraham, Moses, Joseph and Peter in the Bible. By the Grace of God get ready to **FAIL-FORWARD** today!

Shalom!