

**momentum • the moment of failure**

2 Kings 17:21-23 (p. 269)

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Message 3

PRAY

*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 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 6:7-9 (NIV2010)

**every moment has momentum****Review:**Week 1: selfishness sinks, but **repentance** rises / every moment is for me or GodWeek 2: defiance dissolves, but **surrender** develops / one decision :: who is Jesus?

REPENTANCE • SURRENDER • WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT THE JOURNEY TOWARD MATURITY TODAY, WE DISCUSS DEALING WITH FAILURE. • I HATE TO LOSE, BUT IT GROWS ON YOU (B-BALL)

▶ David:

SELFISHNES, SINKING INTO SIN, CONFRONTED, IMMEDIATE CONFESSION.

▶ Peter:

DEFIANCE, SINKING INTO DENIAL, CONFRONTED, KEEPS COMING BACK TODAY, WE LOOK AT A MAN NAMED JEROBOAM

**The Story of Jeroboam****God's Promise • 1 Kings 11:29-39**

JEROBOAM'S EXPECTATIONS &amp; GOD'S EXPECTATIONS

**Jeroboam Becomes King of Israel • 1 Kings 12:1-20**

SUMMARIZE THE REHOBOAM STORY

*When all the Israelites heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. Only the tribe of Judah remained loyal to the house of David.*

1 Kings 12:20

HE SPLIT THE NATION INTO TWO &amp; IT WAS GOD'S PLAN!

**Jeroboam's Failure • 1 Kings 12:25-33**

CONTRAST WITH GOD'S PROMISE • DISCUSS HIS PARANOIA LATER

**The Confrontation • 1 Kings 13:1-6, 33-34, 14:7-11**

DAVID CONFESSED IMMEDIATELY • PETER RAN TO JESUS HIMSELF  
JEROBOAM ATTACKED • HE SENT HIS WIFE

**The Legacy**

1 Kings 15:34, 16:18-19, 16:25-26, 16:30-31, 22:51-52

2 Kings 3:1-3, 10:28-29, 13:1-2, 13:10-11, 14:23-24, 15:8-9, 15:17-18, 15:24, 15:27-28

••JOHN 4:19-20•• AS AN EVIL KING JEROBOAM WAS A SUCCESS, BUT HE FAILED AT HIS CALLING  
GP: WE AREN'T KINGS, BUT WE ARE PARENTS, PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE... FAILURE LEADS TO FAILURE

**momentum principle:****Unchecked failure leads to more failure.****Take it Home: How to Handle Failure**

COPING MECHANISMS • 3RD GRADE BUSINESS, 5TH GRADE POEM  
SELL YOUR SOUL, HIDE YOUR HEAD, JUMP SHIP // ALL SMOKE SCREENS

**1. Understand the real problem.**

GO BACK TO 12:26-27 V. 11:37-38 • PARANOIA, LACK OF FAITH, REJECTING GOD'S WORD • SIN!!!  
STARTED DEEP WITHIN HIS SOUL BEFORE IT EVER CAME TO LIGHT.

Failure results from **sinful brokenness** in me.  
A MISALIGNMENT BETWEEN SOMETHING IN ME AND THE PERSON I'M CALLED TO BE.

*So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.*

Romans 7:21-23

IMPORTANT BECAUSE SIN IMPLIES MORAL RESPONSIBILITY // NO EXCUSES:  
VICTIM, PARTIAL CREDIT, SIMPLE MISTAKE, INSANITY (DEVIL MADE ME)

**2. Confront the sin.**

YOU NEED CONFRONTATION: TOASTMASTERS PUTTING MY HANDS IN MY POCKETS

*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12

*And when he [the Spirit] comes, he will convince the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.*

John 16:8 NLT

*Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

Proverbs 27:6

*My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

James 5:19-20

**3. Confess your own responsibility.**

10 YEARS OLD IN THE CAR REALIZING I DON'T HAVE TO BE MAD • SELF-BETRAYAL

*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

James 5:16

**momentum principle:****Confrontation and confession turn the tide.****4. Prepare for failure during times of success.**

WHAT WILL YOU NEED WHEN YOU FAIL? STRONG WALK WITH GOD? STRONG WALK WITH OTHERS?  
CONFIDENCE IN HIS WORD? STRONG AWARENESS OF YOU AND YOUR MISSION? STRONG  
COMMITMENT TO HIS LORDSHIP?