

# KEEP TALKING

In this message, our friend Dr. John Maxwell shared how God can use setbacks to shape our future. Use this guide to keep talking about how to get a return on failure.

## SERMON HIGHLIGHTS

- There's a difference between a good failure and a bad failure. Bad failures happen when we make *excuses*. Good failures happen when we make *adjustments*.
- God will give you a second chance.
  - The second chance means the first time was lost.
  - The second chance means we can make a better choice.
- Peter failed because:
  - He placed himself spiritually above others.
  - He thought he knew himself better than Jesus did.
  - He thought he was stronger than he was.
- Failure is not final.
- Though you can't go back and make a brand new start, you can start right now and make a brand new ending.

## KEY SCRIPTURES

- Jonah 3:1
- Matthew 26:31-33
- Isaiah 55:8-9

## START TALKING

- What's a failure in your rearview mirror that's funny now, but definitely didn't feel funny at the time (a cooking disaster, a failed DIY project, a first job mistake, a moment where you were too confident, etc.)?

## KEEP TALKING

- What was your biggest takeaway from this message?
- Think about a failure or setback that eventually taught you something valuable. What lesson came from it that success probably couldn't have taught you?
- God gave Jonah a second chance, and Jesus restored Peter after he failed. How does seeing God give Jonah and Peter another chance encourage you in your own life?
- Dr. John Maxwell said, "*We don't always get what we want, but we always get what we choose.*" What choices are shaping the direction of your life right now?
- What adjustments could help you get a better return on mistakes or failures you've experienced recently or in the past?

## KEEP IT GOING

- You can find Dr. Maxwell's latest book on failure, along with some of his other popular resources, [here](#). Consider adding one to your summer reading list!

## PRAYER

*Father, thank you for giving us another chance and hope. Only a God as good as you could take our mistakes and turn them for our good. Please give us wisdom to make adjustments when we fail and courage to move forward with the lessons we've learned. Amen.*

**For more resources - [cf.church/featuredresources](http://cf.church/featuredresources)**