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# Schedule for the Day

SESSION 1   Not Remaining Discouraged When We Fail.....	10:30am
SESSION 2   Failures Enabling Man to Experience More of God.....	11:30am
LUNCH.....	12:30pm
SESSION 3   Tell Him.....	1:10pm
RECREATION.....	2:00pm
SESSION 4   God's Goal Being to Enter Into Man and Mingle Himself with Man.....	4:00pm
DINNER.....	5:00pm



# Not Remaining Discouraged When We Fail

**I. If we're going to recover when we fail, we must be clear concerning God's sovereignty as it relates to us**

A. God is sovereign

1. God's sovereignty means that nothing happens which doesn't first pass through His throne room
2. **Dan. 2:21** And it is He who changes the times and seasons; He deposes kings and causes kings to ascend. He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding
3. **Rom. 13:1b** ...there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.

B. God's care for us is intimate

1. **1 Pet. 5:7** Casting all your anxiety on Him because it matters to Him concerning you.
2. **Gen. 48:15** And [Jacob] blessed Joseph and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who has shepherded me all my life to this day,

C. God's sovereignty with us is even related to our greatest failures

1. **John 17:12** When I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given to Me, and I guarded [them;] and not one of them perished, except the son of perdition [Judas], that the Scripture might be fulfilled (cf. Psa 41:9)

**II. "The highest level of Christian living is a living by the will" – Watchman Nee<sup>1</sup>**

- A. **Judg 5:15-16** And the princes in Issachar were with Deborah; And Issachar was true to Barak; Into the valley they were sent behind him. Among the divisions of Reuben There were great resolutions in heart. Why did

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<sup>1</sup> CWWN, Vol 3, p. 68, *The Christian (1): Meditations on Genesis*

you sit among the sheepfolds Listening to the pipings for the flocks? In the divisions of Reuben There were great searchings of heart.

- B. "In Israel's miserable situation, no one was searching his heart. But the people....needed to make great resolutions in their hearts to rise up and follow the others to fight for God's kingdom."<sup>2</sup>
- C. "...to be a man, I must be a Christian; to be a Christian, I must be in His church, in His recovery; and to be in His recovery, I must be an overcomer."<sup>3</sup>

### III. Six Ropes to Draw Water from the Well of Salvation

- A. **Isa 12:3-6** Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of the (KJV)
  1. Praise the Lord – Psa 150:6; Acts 2:46-47
  2. Call upon His name – Gen 4:26; Deut 4:7; 2 Sam 22:4; 1 Kings 18:24; 2 Kings 5:11; 1 Chron 4:10; Judg 15:18; Job 12:4; Psa 80:18; Lam 3:55; Isa 12:4; Jonah 1:6; Joel 2:32; Zep 3:9; Zech 13:9; Acts 2:21; Rom 10:12-13; 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Tim 2:22
  3. Declare His doings among the people – Lk 24:33-36; Acts 14:27
  4. Make mention that His name is exalted – Psa 8:1; Phil 2:9-11
  5. Sing unto the Lord – Acts 16:25; Eph 5:17-18; Heb 2:12
  6. Cry out and shout – Lk 18:37-39; Rev 7:9-10

<sup>2</sup> Life-Study of Judges, p. 16

<sup>3</sup> CWWL, 1991-1992, Vol. 3, p. 417, *Fellowship Concerning the Urgent Need of the Vital Groups*

# Failures Enabling Man to Experience More of God

## I. Our Failures are precious

- A. We appreciate victory more than failure.
- B. We should realize that failure is more precious than victory.

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## II. Our failures allow us to experience the riches of God

- A. The example of the Prodigal son – Luke 15:11-32
  - 1. The younger son experienced the riches of the father
  - 2. The older son was not even willing to partake of the Father’s riches

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## III. We receive grace through our failures

- A. David had a huge failure- 2 Sam 11: 1-27
- B. David’s experience after he failed was an experience of grace - Psalm 51: 1-19

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## IV. Being broken through failures

- A. Our being broken allows the Lord the genuine was to gain ground in us.
- B. The Lord may allow us to fail for a day or a month or even many years.

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## V. Further examples of failure in the bible

- A. Peter
  - 1. **Matt 26:69-75** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him and said, You also were with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied [it] before all, saying, I do not know what you are talking about! And after he had gone out to the porch, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, This man was with Jesus the Nazarene. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man! And after a little while those who were standing [there] came to Peter and said, Surely you also are one of them, for your speech also makes it clear [that] you [are.] Then he began

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to curse and to swear: I do not know the man! And immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. And he went out and wept bitterly.

2. **Matt. 16:22-23** And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, [God] be merciful to You, Lord! This shall by no means happen to You! But He turned and said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.
3. **Acts 3:13-14** The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release [Him.] But you denied the holy and righteous One and asked that a man [who was] a murderer be granted to you;

B. Mark

1. **Acts 13:13** And putting out to sea from Paphos, Paul and his companions came to Perga of Pamphylia; and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.
2. **Acts 15:37-38** And Barnabas intended to take John, who is called Mark, along with [them] also; But Paul did not consider it suitable to take with [them] this one who withdrew from them in Pamphylia and did not go with them to the work. And there was a sharp contention, so that they separated from each other; and Barnabas, taking Mark along, sailed away to Cyprus.
3. **2 Tim. 4:11** Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring [him] with you, for he is useful to me for the ministry.

# God's Goal Being to Enter Into Man and Mingle Himself with Man

## I. We need to understand what the will of the Lord is – Eph. 5:17; Col. 1:9

## II. God's will is what He wants and what He intends to accomplish – Eph. 1:5, 9, 11:

- A. God has an eternal will, which is the source of His eternal purpose – v. 11; 3:11.
- B. Since God is eternal, without beginning or ending, His will is also eternal; it lies at the heart of the origin of the universe – Rev. 4:11.
- C. God created all things for His will so that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose – Eph. 3:11.
- D. The will of God is concentrated in Christ and is for Christ to have the first place in all things; Christ is everything in God's eternal will – Col.1:15-18; 3:4, 10-11.
- E. God wants to have Christ with the church; the will of God is to obtain the church as the Body of Christ – Eph. 5:32; 1:9, 22-23; 2:21-22; 4:16.

## III. According to the good pleasure of His will, God predestinated us unto sonship – Eph. 1:5:

- A. God has a will, in which is His good pleasure; God's good pleasure is of His will and is embodied in His will, so His will comes first – vv. 5, 9, 11.
- B. God's good pleasure is what makes God happy – it is the desire of His heart; the living, loving, and purposeful God surely has a heart's desire – v. 5.
- C. God predestinated us to be His sons according to His pleasure, according to the desire of His heart – v. 5:
  - 1. Before the foundation of the world, God chose us to be holy; to be made holy – to be sanctified by God

through His dispensing Himself into us and then mingling His nature with us – is the process, the procedure – v. 4.

- 2. To be sons of God is the aim, the goal, and is a matter of our being joined to the Son of God and conformed to the image of the firstborn Son of God so that our whole being may be “sonized” by God – v. 5; Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15.

**IV. God’s will was hidden in Him as a mystery, so Ephesians 1:9 speaks of “the mystery of His will”:**

- A. In eternity God had a will, but this will was hidden in Him; hence, it was a mystery – v. 9; 3:3-5, 9.
- B. In the pleasure of His heart and in His wisdom and prudence, God made this hidden mystery known to us through His revelation in Christ, that is, through Christ’s incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension – 1:9; John 1:14; Rom. 1:3-4; 4:25; 8:3, 34.

## Calendar of Events

<p><b>Heartland Church Conference</b>            Kansas City, MO            Sep 13 – 15            FREE</p>	<p><b>Rock Springs Youth Camp</b>            Rock Springs 4H, KS            Oct 25 – 27            \$155</p>	<p><b>Heartland College Conference</b>            Heartland Camp, KS            Nov 8 – 10            \$50</p>
<p><b>Thanksgiving Conference</b>            Atlanta, GA            Nov 28 – Dec 1            FREE</p>	<p><b>Semiannual Training</b>            Anaheim, CA            Dec 23 – 28            \$205</p>	<p><b>Chinese-Speaking Conference</b>            Feb 14 – 16            Anaheim, CA            FREE</p>
<p><b>Heartland Waubonsie Outing</b>            March / April 2025            Waubonsie State Park            FREE</p>	<p><b>Heartland College Conference</b>            Heartland Camp, KS            March / April 2025            \$50</p>	<p><b>Memorial Day Conference</b>            May 23 – 26            Phoenix, AZ            FREE</p>