Seeking Failure

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INTRODUCTION

- You could be a failure simply by doing little or doing nothing. Or you could be a failure by making incredibly poor choices.
- My goal specifically in this lesson tonight is to help you and me avoid spiritual failure.

1 Biblical Examples of Seeking Failure

1 Chronicles 15:13; 2 Chronicles 12:14; 2 Chronicles 15:2

- But the failure I'm talking about is a failure to seek the Lord. It's that simple.
- The Lord our God made an outburst for us, for we did not seek him according to the ordinance.
- And he did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the Lord.
- The Lord is with you when you are with him. And if you seek him, he will let you find him. But if you forsake him, he will forsake you.
- Yet even in his disease, he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.

2 Seek the Lord and His Strength

1 Chronicles 16:11; 2 Chronicles 7:14

- Seek the Lord and his strength. Seek his face continually. That was David's recommendation.
- First of all, seek the Lord and His strength speaks to our dependency on Him.
- It speaks to intimacy in our seeking. Would you describe your relationship with the Lord as intimate?
- And then there's constancy. Seek his face continually. Without that, seeking failure is a problem.
- If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways.

3 Why People Don't Seek the Lord

Isaiah 30:1–3; 2 Chronicles 20

- A lot of people don't seek because they don't believe. It's that simple.
- And that is you don't seek him because you're not really convinced that prayer does anything.
- I think sometimes we do not seek because we take God for granted.
- Woe to the rebellious children, declares the Lord, who execute a plan but not mine, who proceed down to Egypt without consulting me.
- Who or what are you dependent on other than God when you should be seeking him?

4 Why You Should Seek the Lord

Matthew 7; Psalm 22:26; Proverbs 28:5

- You should seek the Lord, because only God has unlimited resources.
- Everyone else is limited, and there are things beyond their control. There isn't anything beyond God's control.
- And he gives. He only gives what is good.
- Seek and you shall find. Ask and it shall be given to you. Knock and the door shall be opened.
- Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand all things.

5 Seek Him With All Your Heart

Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 105:4; Hosea 3:5

- But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him if you search for him with all your heart and with all your soul.
- And he says, Come back to me. Seek me. And you will find me. If you invest your heart and your soul.
- They will come trembling to the Lord and to his goodness in the last days.
- Perhaps we need to seek him in a little more serious way than we have before.

THE CHALLENGE

Come to him on his terms. Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins. Rise to walk in newness of life.

MY NOTES