

**LIFE PRINCIPLE #2:**

**COOPERATE WITH GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR LIFE**

*When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*

Luke 5:4 (NIV)

Peter's reaction to Jesus' guidance

- He didn't \_\_\_\_\_
- He didn't \_\_\_\_\_
- He didn't listen to his \_\_\_\_\_

*Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. ACT on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.*

James 1:22-24 (MSG)

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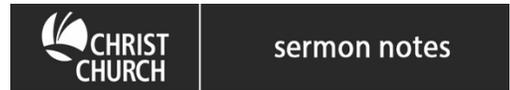
**ANTICIPATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR LIFE**

*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."*

Luke 5:5 (NIV)

Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, there are times in my life when I have failed, and I am overwhelmed by it. Please grant me your grace in these difficult times. Let me realize that no one is a failure in Your eyes. In addition, assist me to see that You utilize our failures to make us grow into better persons and more devoted followers of You. Then if failure comes, grant me the grace to learn from it, to appropriate Your presence in my life, to cooperate with Your plan for my life and to anticipate Your promises. In the name of the One who never gives up on us, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Myth #3:

If At First I Don't Succeed, I'm A Failure

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Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

A story from the life of Peter, a disciple and fisherman.

**WHAT DOES THIS STORY TEACH US ABOUT FAILURE?**

- Jesus never did a miracle without a \_\_\_\_\_.
- His miracles always illustrated \_\_\_\_\_.
- The story teaches us what to do when OUR BEST is not GOOD ENOUGH.

**HOW DO I REBOUND FROM FAILURE?**

**LIFE PRINCIPLE #1:**

**APPROPRIATE GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR LIFE**

*(Jesus) got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon...*

Luke 5:3 (NIV)

NOTE: It was not until Peter made a personal confession of his faith in Jesus that Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter. See Matthew 16:13-18

*(God) will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.*

Matthew 6:33 (NLT)

## Answer key

### WHAT DOES THIS STORY TEACH US ABOUT FAILURE?

- Jesus never did a miracle without a **PURPOSE**.
- His miracles always illustrated **LIFE PRINCIPLES**.

### HOW DO I REBOUND FROM FAILURE?

#### **LIFE PRINCIPLE #1:**

**APPROPRIATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN YOUR LIFE**

#### **LIFE PRINCIPLE #2:**

**COOPERATE WITH GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE**

Peter's reaction to Jesus' guidance

- He didn't **ARGUE**
- He didn't **QUESTION**
- He didn't listen to his **FEELINGS**

#### **LIFE PRINCIPLE #3:**

**ANTICIPATE GOD'S PROMISES FOR YOUR LIFE**