

Good afternoon!

As we conclude this series about epic fails in the Bible, I can't help but chuckle to myself. As we go through unprecedented events, at least in our lifetimes, it sometimes feels like everything is an "epic fail" these days. God knew what we would be facing when He planned this series, months and months ago. Some of you may be feeling, like Elijah, like you've reached a point of total exhaustion and emptiness. This has been a tough season for everyone!

But God has more for us, even now. The Bible is full of stories of people that He loved and called, despite, maybe even *because of*, their failures. We can find peace in the fact that God "qualifies the called", and brings peace to our chaotic world. So lean in through this series, and trust that God has more for each of us. When the world looks at an action or event and sees a "failure", God delights in proving the world wrong.

If you're new to reading the Bible, it is a great habit to commit yourself to. The Bible is where we learn more of God's character, and His love for us. If you miss a day in the daily readings, give yourself grace! Then continue on with the next day of scripture.

We miss you CrossRoad Church, and are looking forward to the time when we can gather in person again!
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Daily Bible Readings for July 27-31, 2020

Epic Fails part 4

(Wednesday is a live video; read below for details)

Theme: With Jesus, our failures are never final, and he offers us a second chance and a second calling.

Monday

READ Mark 14:12-52

ASK How have I denied or "deserted" Jesus through my words, actions, or attitudes?

PRAY *God, my spirit is willing, but my body is weak. I have turned away from you, and I have given into temptation. In your mercy, forgive me and give me grace to start again. Amen.*

Tuesday

READ John 21:1-25

ASK What do you think Simon Peter was feeling during this encounter with Jesus?

PRAY *God, I love you with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. Thank you for loving me. Teach me how to feed your lambs and take care of your sheep. Amen.*

Wednesday

For today's Daily Bible Reading, join Pastor Kevin online for "Breakfast on the Beach," streamed live on CrossRoad's Facebook page at 7am (or watch the recording later).

Thursday

READ Psalm 51

ASK How does David respond after his epic failure?

PRAY *God, I confess to you that I am imperfect, I have sinned, and I have fallen short of your holy love. I desperately need your salvation and direction in my life. Guide me in the way that leads to life and brings you glory. Amen.*

Friday

READ Luke 5:1-28

ASK What is the "second calling" that Jesus offers his disciples (and us), and why do you think they said "yes"?

PRAY *God, invade my everyday routine – my job, my commitments, my daily tasks – with opportunities to serve, bless, heal, and pray for others in Jesus' name. I want to share the good news of your love with the world. Use me as a fisher of people. Amen.*