YOUR
FAILURE
IS NOT
FINAL

Part 2: Review and Own

Sermon Big Idea

Failure is unavoidable in life, but as we grieve what has happened, we have a unique opportunity to review what has happened and learn from our failures. Moving on too quickly from our failures denies us the opportunity to grow our character.

Part of growing our character, requires owning our portion of what led to the failure or mistake. It's only when we own it, that we can address it.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think it is hard to review a past failure and think about what went wrong?
2. Why is owning our failures necessary for us to be able to learn from them? Does it help to think about owning 100% of your portion?
3. Read Luke 15:11-16. When you think about the younger son's situation, what do you think contributed to him ending up feeding pigs?
4. Can you think of a time when you and another person had completely different perspectives on an event that you both experienced? How did you realize that you saw them differently?
5. Pastor Brian talked about cognitive biases, and how we all see the world slightly differently because of our past experiences and understanding. What is something in your life that has contributed to seeing the world differently, either in a positive light, or a negative light?
6. How can we start to recognize our own biases? What can you do once you recognize one?
7. Read James 3:1-12. How would our lives be affected if we had better control of the words that we speak?
8. Read James 3:13-18. How can seeking wisdom help us to tame our words and own our failures? What can you do to seek wisdom today?

Scripture Passages

Luke 15: 1-2, 11-16
Jesus tells a parable about a lost son to explain to the pharisees why he spends time with tax collectors and sinners.

James 3:1-2, 7-9
James writes to all the Christians who have spread out over the area about the danger of the tongue (the words we speak.)

James 3:17
James ends this portion of his letter by encouraging believers to seek God's wisdom and what wisdom does in our lives.

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