FRAMING YOUR FAILURE

REFLECT

In a notebook or journal, answer these questions:

1. “Is it possible that God isn’t trying to change you, but rather trying to change your view of you?”
   In Matthew 16, Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah. When Peter correctly identified who Jesus was, it began his revelation of who Peter was.

   Write out a few ways that God is changing your view of yourself by finishing these sentences:

   Without Jesus, I have seen myself as…
   In Christ, I am learning to see myself as…

2. “Belonging to Christ doesn’t erase our struggles. It’s possible to be succeeding in one area of life while failing in another.”

   Draw a “T” to create two columns on your page. On one side, write, “What am I doing well right now?”
   On the other, write, “What am I not doing well right now?” Which items on your list were the most difficult to acknowledge and why?

3. “Don’t miss the opportunity for strength by avoiding the sensation of weakness.”

   In what ways are you “playing it safe” so you won’t fail any more than you think you already are?

4. “Do you see failure as an identity or an event?”

   In Luke 22, Jesus predicted that Peter would fail Him. But as Jesus said in verse 32, when you turn back to Him, you will be stronger.

   Name one failure in your own life that made you stronger once you turned back to God.

5. “It’s in developing a relationship with your weakness and your failures that your greatest opportunity for growth exists.”

   Chapters 1-5 of (Un)Qualified talk about the concept of “The Third Word,” the descriptors we use to identify ourselves. After reading those chapters and participating in this week’s Online Bible Study:

   Write one false “I am ____” statement that you want to release.
   Write one “I am ____” statement that reflects the identity in Christ you’re trying to embrace right now.

READ

Scripture to study
Matthew 16:13-18

Related passages from (Un)Qualified
Chapters 1-5