

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – OCTOBER 11, 2009
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TITLE: “Victory Over Failure”

TEXT: Philippians 1:6-12

INTRODUCTION: Verse 12 – “...the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel.”

In one lifetime, how many failures could you expect? How many of us accomplish anything worthwhile the first time we attempt it?

I: CONSIDER HOW GOD WORKS

1. Joseph ... “God meant it for good!”
2. David – Psalm 139:7-10
3. Thomas Edison (1847-1931)
4. Paul – He understood the way God works ... Philippians 1:18 – “Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.”

II: CONSIDER GOD’S ANTIDOTE FOR FAILURE

1. Repentance – Longfellow wrote this:
Nor deem the irrevocable past
As wholly wasted, wholly vain,
If rising on its wrecks at last
To something higher we attain.
2. Reconciliation – Repentance leads to reconciliation. Our failures become God’s opportunities!

CONCLUSION: God is at work ... even if you can’t see Him! 99% of failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses. **NONE TODAY!**

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