

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Breaking Through the Fear of Failure

God's promise stands beyond fear of failure, and obedience keeps moving forward by the Word, the strength of Christ, and a life invested in His Kingdom.

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Breaking Through the Fear of Failure	Pastor Jason Gillick
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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Do not let fear turn God's promise into a reason to retreat.

- Israel saw the good land, but the report about giants and fortified cities discouraged the people from possessing what God had given. ([Deuteronomy 1:19-28](#))
- The Lord had already promised to go before them, fight for them, and carry them as a father carries his son. ([Deuteronomy 1:29-33](#))
- Fear magnified the obstacle, erased the memory of God's faithfulness, and turned unbelief into disobedience.

"Fear of failure is a thief to your breakthrough."

STUDY [Deuteronomy 1:19-33](#); [Hebrews 3:18-19](#)

02 Failure is an event to learn from, not an identity to live under.

- When Israel tried to fight after God told them not to go, self-reliance produced another defeat instead of true repentance. ([Deuteronomy 1:41-45](#))
- There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, so a believer can ask what must change and keep maturing. ([Romans 8:1](#))

- The fear of what people may think is self-preservation; obedience values God's approval more than a flawless appearance.

“If you stepped out, you didn't fail.”

STUDY [Deuteronomy 1:41-45](#); [Romans 8:1](#); [Proverbs 29:25](#)

03 Let God define you, then get up and keep moving forward.

- The race is run by laying aside every weight and fixing the eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of faith. ([Hebrews 12:1-2](#))
- God's presence and Word give strength to rise after a setback instead of shrinking back from the assignment.
- Christ in us is greater than the resistance before us, and His strength makes obedience possible. ([1 John 4:4](#); [Philippians 4:13](#))

“God is the One who defines you.”

STUDY [Hebrews 12:1-2](#); [1 John 4:4](#); [Philippians 4:13](#)

04 Speak the Word until fear's walls break.

- God describes His Word as a hammer that breaks rock, and it destroys the strongholds fear tries to build. ([Jeremiah 23:29](#))
- Faith grows by hearing the Word, so declaring Scripture replaces fear's false evidence with God's truth. ([Romans 10:17](#))
- The fight is not against people but against spiritual opposition, and the sword God supplies is His Word. ([Ephesians 6:12](#); [Ephesians 6:17](#))

“The Word is your breaker.”

STUDY [Jeremiah 23:29](#); [Romans 10:17](#); [Ephesians 6:12-17](#)

05 Invest your life where obedience can multiply its fruit.

- Fear of investment withholds time, gifts, service, love, and opportunity because it demands a guaranteed return before obeying.
- A seed may not show its harvest immediately, but faithful service can bless a family, a church, and an entire generation. ([Galatians 6:9](#))
- Belonging to Christ's body brings strength, protection, prayer, fellowship, and places to serve. ([1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#))

“Wise people invest. They understand the power of the seed.”

STUDY [Galatians 6:9](#); [1 Corinthians 12:12-27](#); [Proverbs 11:25](#)

06 Follow Jesus by laying down self-preservation.

- A grain of wheat produces much fruit only after it falls into the ground, and the Father honors the one who serves and follows Jesus. ([John 12:24-26](#))
- In Gethsemane, Jesus faced the cost of the cross and surrendered His will to the Father. ([Matthew 26:36-46](#))
- Jesus invested His life and blood to free us from sin, fear, and bondage so we can live abundantly. ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [John 10:10](#))

“Do not be afraid to lay your life down to serve Jesus.”

STUDY [John 12:24-26](#); [Matthew 26:36-46](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [John 10:10](#)

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Where will you move forward without fear?

Where has fear of failure caused you to delay, retreat, or question what God has placed before you?

What past setback do you need to learn from without allowing it to define your identity or future?

Which promise from God's Word will you speak when fear or resistance tries to build a wall again?

What time, gift, act of service, or relationship is God asking you to invest for His Kingdom?
