

A LITURGY OF FAILURE

Hebrews 12.7-13 // March 8, 2020

HARDSHIP AS DISCIPLINE

When we hear the word "discipline," we usually think of it as a negative word. But all hardship in life is discipline, and it is meant to bring wholeness and healing to our lives, not to fracture it further. It is meant to disciple us. Despite our desire to be whole, we are actually a collection of fractions that, when put together, make up the whole person of who we are.

THE PATH TO TRANSFORMATION

Failure is the path. Beauty is the destination.

If the goal of life is self-help or to glorify self, failure will destroy us from the inside out. But if the goal is to see beauty, then even our failures and weaknesses along the way are going to make the beauty of that destination even more amazing and more beautiful.

But we need a translator. We need something to help us interpret the hardships and sufferings and failures so that we can know how to respond to them. If we look within, our hearts will condemn us. But if we look outside of us, we will find hope and healing.

Romans 8.18 // 1 Peter 4. 12, 13 // Proverbs 24.16

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jesus didn't come to condemn, but to save. So if He didn't come to condemn, then why do we condemn others? And why do we allow our hearts to condemn ourselves? We need each other to be encouragers of one another. We are all failing in some way; fractioned in some area of life. We need each other to point each other towards the beauty of our Savior.

So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also! -Martin Luther



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Hebrews 12.7-13. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

After reading Hebrews 12.7-13, what aspect of the Good News are you reminded of as it pertains to hardship and failure? Read also 1 John 2.1.

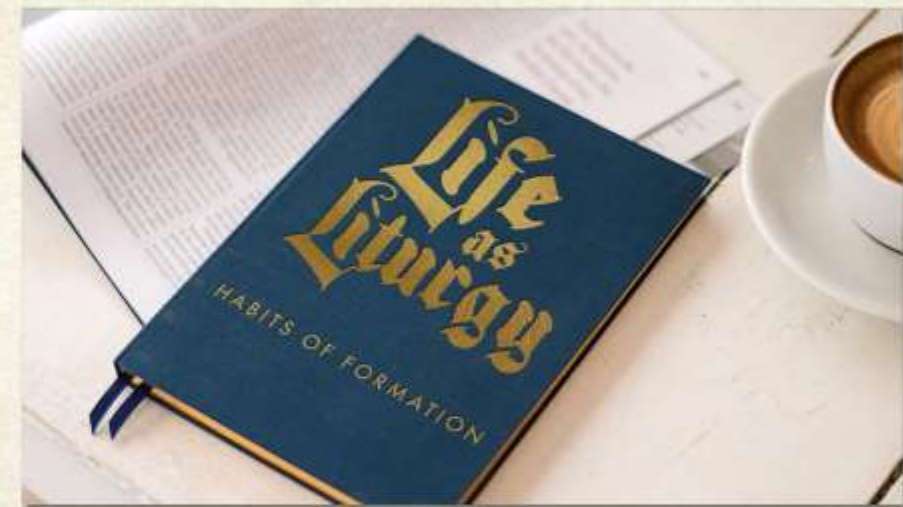
Repent and Ask for Provision

Not all failures are because of sin. Simply because of our imperfection and weaknesses, we fail in many areas. But as it pertains to responding to failure, what "bad habit" do you have that you would like to change? Do you heap condemnation? Hide in shame? Do you dwell upon the past, or get angry at God or yourself?

Your Life Mission

Like kintsugi pottery, your failures, mistakes, and even sin is used by God to work His good. The parts of your life are not to be hidden or be ashamed of, but they tell the story of God's grace, and God can use it powerfully to reach others. What conversations or friendships will you be entering into in the next week or so that you could use prayer for? How might your past brokenness be used by God to minister and encourage these people?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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