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### **Are you a “Stay-Downer” or a “Bounce-Backer?”**

#### **1. Remember that failure is \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*For though a righteous man falls seven times... (Proverbs 24:16) - We just blow right past that.*

*We all stumble in many ways... (James 3:2)*

#### **2. Remember that failure is not \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*For though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again... (Proverbs 24:16)*

#### **3. Remember the \_\_\_\_\_ you learn from failure.**

*It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. (Psalm 119:71)*

*He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)*

*...but the wicked are brought down by calamity. (Proverbs 24:16)*

#### **4. Remember God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*Having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:14)*

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)*

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*Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)*

### **Want to Go Deeper?**

- Receive God’s grace by confessing your failings.
- Commit to making your small group a grace-filled group.
- Make a list of lessons God has taught you through failures.
- Memorize Proverbs 24:16.
- Study Hebrews 11, noting how the heroes of our faith recovered from failure.
- Read “If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat” by John Ortberg.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!