

SCC SMALL GROUP FOR WE'RE BACK FALL SERIES
BACKED INTO A CORNER? Part 1 of 9
Sunday Message - September 12, 2021

Getting Started:

What about being back together in a small group is especially important to you right now?

Has fear of failure ever backed you into a corner? .

Ask someone to read Matthew 25:14-29. What does this parable tell us concerning what God wants us to do with the talent he has given us? Can you think of a talent God has given you?

Searching the Scriptures:

I. WHAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER.

- A. Pastor Scott shared that it's human nature to fail, but we must also learn from our failures, because "*pride leads to disgrace but with humility comes wisdom.*" (Proverbs 11:2) How have you gained humility and insight from a past failure?

- B. We know that Romans 8:28 says "*in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who've been called according to His purpose.*" How has God used a difficult circumstance or failure in your life for good?

II. STARING DOWN YOUR FEAR OF FAILURE.

Pastor Scott mentioned three steps which help to reduce fear:

- C. **Refuse to compare yourself to others** (Galatians 6:4-5). This verse says that the reason we don't need to compare ourselves is because each of us are responsible for our own conduct and need to carry our own load. The translation Scott used said "then you can be satisfied in doing your best". What is something positive you can tell yourself when you are tempted to negatively compare yourself with another person?
- D. **Redefine the meaning of failure.** It's not missing a goal or having inability. Instead it's not having a goal or being unwilling to try. Matthew 9:29 says *"According to your faith it will be done to you."* *What's a roadblock in your life that needs some redefining right now?*
- E. **Replace your fear with faith in Jesus** (Isaiah 41:10 & John 4:18) These verses say that God's presence and love overcome fear. How have you found this to be true in your own experience?

Application of the Scriptures:

- A. Which of the three action steps in part II do you want to focus on the most right now?
- B. This study may have brought a significant struggle, roadblock of fear to mind. Don't try to solve it yourself. Ask the group to pray for you specifically, write it down and check back in coming weeks for answers and solutions you can all note and celebrate.

For additional encouragement on this topic, check out the five day study plan "What If You Could? - Find Faith In The Face Of Fear" in the YouVersion Bible app: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/9432>