

Suburban Birds - Part 2
How to Recover from a Fall
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- Failure
- How to recover from a fall
- How God helps us recover from our failures
- Activity of your life
- What you're going through at this time
- Draw some principles for your life out of this story

Luke 5:1-11 (ESV) On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

How to recover from a fall:

1st) I give Jesus complete ACCESS to my life.

Luke 5:3 (ESV) Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land.

- You've got to get Jesus in every area of your life
- If you want to move from emptiness to fullness, you get Jesus in the boat
- Jesus is in the boat

Phil. 4:6 (ESV) do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

My boat is: My current situation

- It means you dedicate your career, your family, your business, your job, your work, to God
- You could have Jesus in your life but not in your boat
- "I dedicate my career to you for your use."

Question: What do you want God to bless in your life?

2nd) I admit that I **NEED** help.

Luke 5:4-5 (ESV) And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

- Sometimes our situations are out of our control
- You admit that your way isn't working.
- Pride
- Stubbornness
- Fear
- I'm afraid people will think less of me
- My way just isn't working

Question: Which of these - pride, fear, stubbornness - is preventing me from seeking help?

3rd) Trust in my **RELATIONSHIP** with Jesus.

Luke 5:5 (ESV) And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

Genesis 2:9 (ESV) And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

There were 2 trees in the garden

Embrace a life of relationship with God or one of independence from God

Satan uses that tree to solidify his big lie - "You have TO DO to be"

"Performance - itus" - your performance is what matters -

We not only become performers, but judges of performance - our own and others

Then when we succeed in doing something right, we expect God to be pleased and to bless us as a result

If that doesn't happen we are terribly disillusioned with God

We also tend to develop PRIDE in accomplishment

Contrarily, if we fail at something, we invariably judge ourselves worthless

Identity is determined by behavior - If I do good I'm a success if I don't I'm a failure -

This thinking is contrary to the way God planned life to be

It's the mindset that begins with essence and not performance

Who I am - not what I do

Who I am begins with who I was created to be - a person living in communion with God

That's why the tree of life represents the choice of relationship with God!

1 Cor. 15:22 (ESV) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

- Jesus chose the second tree

1 Cor. 15:45 (ESV) Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

- So it's in Jesus that we have life apart from our performance

Matt. 3:17 (ESV) and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- Jesus knew who he was
- Everything he did grew out of that basic confidence
- It's the same with us - in Christ you are new!

2 Cor. 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

- *But at your word I will let down the nets*
- One word from Jesus can change your life!

Question: Is there anything Jesus has told you to do that you're not doing?