

SERIES: *ROOTS: Facing Times Of Drought*

“Facing Failure?”

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NLT)

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I. FACING FAUILURE

- A. GUILT:** Feeling Bad About Our Actions
- B. REGRET:** Feeling Bad About Our Efforts
- C. SHAME:** Feeling Bad About Who We Are

II. WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

A. Trusting The Wrong PEOPLE

Verse 5 *This is what the Lord says: “Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the Lord.”*

B. Trusting The Wrong HEART

Verse 9 *“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”*

III. FAITH ROOTS DURING TIMES OF FAILURE

A. Not LENGTH But LOCATION Of Our Roots

Verse 5–6 *“...those who put their trust in mere humans... They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, in an uninhabited salty land.”*

Verse 7-8, *“But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water.”*

B. Stay Close To The WATER

Jeremiah 17:22 *“Do not do your work on the Sabbath, but make it a holy day. I gave this command to your ancestors,”*

“Persist in what must be done and resist what ought not to be done”

C. Failure Forces Us To REPLANT

Acts 3:19–20 *“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”*

Jeremiah 17:14 *“O Lord, if you heal me, I will be truly healed; if you save me, I will be truly saved. My praises are for you alone!”*

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. How have you failed recently?** Discuss with your family and friends this week a time that you felt like you failed? Discuss how guilt, regret, and shame are different and how they were experienced in that failed situation.
- 2. Growing Deep Roots.** Deep roots of faith will help us during times of drought caused by failure. Our Faith can be strengthened when we keep ourselves positioned to receive living water. Church attendance is a big part of keeping the Sabbath Holy. Commit to increasing church attendance in your life and let God strengthen your faith.