



## *Getting Guidance: Failure*

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### **WARM UP**

1. Who was your best friend growing up?
2. What stood out to you in this week's message?

### **DIG IN**

3. Why do so many people believe that God guides us through our strength, success, and perfection rather than our failure? Why is it so hard to believe that God plans to lead us through our failures and shortcomings?
4. Read Acts 9:1-19. What do you think of Saul from what we learn about him in verses 1 and 2?
5. Identify some of the ways that God leads us through failure. Which one means the most to you right now?

### **DIGGING DEEPER (EXTRA CREDIT!)**

6. Acts 9 shows God working in multiple places and on multiple people (Saul & Ananias) at the same time. How does this set us free to focus on our own issues rather than try to change others?
7. Have you considered downloading the One Minute Pause App and trying it for a month to see how God leads you?
8. Why is getting guidance more about getting God than getting directions?
9. Read I Timothy 1:15-16. Why does Paul (formerly Saul) believe that God chose to save him?



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**God guides through failure in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.**

Acts 9

Saul was...

1) Failure alerts us to our \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Failure provokes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the \_\_\_\_\_ behind my \_\_\_\_\_.

God may cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ in our own failure (Psalm 23:2).

One Minute Pause App ([www.pauseapp.com](http://www.pauseapp.com))

3) We learn to trust that God works \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

God is working on their \_\_\_\_\_. So, I can focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

4) We learn to treat “enemies” with \_\_\_\_\_.

5) God opens our eyes in areas that we were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

6) God first guides us to \_\_\_\_\_.

Getting Guidance = Getting \_\_\_\_\_.

I Timothy 2:

7) To show others a picture of \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.