HOW TO HANDLE AND OVERCOME FAILURE

2 Shem./Sam. 11:1-27

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It happened in the spring of the year, around 991 BC, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Yo’ab and his servants with him, and all Yisra’el. They went and destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Yerushalayim. And one evening king David got out of bed and walked out on his roof, and he looked across the way and saw a beautiful woman taking a bath. He asked who she might be, and someone said that it was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriyah, the Hittite, who is one of his great warriors, and surely a friend. 2 Sam. 23:39 Then David got her to come to him, and he lay with her. Later she told him that she was with a child. David sent a word to his Captain, asking him to send Uriyah unto him. And Yo’ab sent Uriyah to David, and David asked Uriyah how Yo’ab and the army was doing, and how the war was going; then sent him home. But Uriyah did not go home, he slept with David’s servants. He said that he would not go to his home while his warrior buddies were at war. So, David told him to wait one more day, then he would send him back. Later that day David had supper with Uriyah and got him drunk in hopes that he would go home, but he still didn’t go home, so David sent a written word to Yo’ab with Uriyah for him to put Uriyah in the worse part of the battle that he may be killed. And this was done. Then later David took Bathsheba, Uriyah’s wife for his wife, and this so displeased Yahweh Elohim.

Elohim sent the prophet Nathan to David and exposed his sin to him. Nathan told David of a very rich man and a very poor man that lived in the same city. The rich man had much substance with many flocks and herds; while the poor man had only one little ewe lamb that he kept. One day a visitor came to the rich man’s house, and he did not want to take from his own herd to prepare for his visitor, so he went and took the poor man’s only little ewe lamb. David got mad and said that rich man should die and restore the poor man fourfold for his little lamb. Then Nathan said to David; “You are the man.” Elohim told David that he had anointed him king over Yisra’el, and that he had delivered him from the hand of Sha’ul. And that he had given him Sha’ul’s house and wives into his keeping and had given him the house of Yisra’el and Yehudah and would have given you much more. Then Yahweh asked him; “Why have you despised my commandment to do evil in my sight?” “You have killed Uriyah the Hittite with the sword of Ammon and taken his wife to be your wife!” “Now the sword shall never depart from your house.” And Elohim said, “I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun,” “For you did this secretly, but I will do this thing before all Yisra’el and the sun.” David admitted his sin and repented. Nathan said, “Yahweh Elohim has put away your sin, and you shall not die.” “But because of this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of Elohim to blaspheme. And the child also who is born to you shall surely die.” David pleaded with Elohim for the child and fasted and went and lay all night on the ground. On the seventh day the child died. His servants had tried to get him up all this time and he would not, so they were afraid to tell him. But he saw them whispering and asked if the child was dead; and they said yes. David got up from the ground and washed and anointed himself changing his clothes and went into the house of the Yahweh and worshiped. Then went to his own house and ate. His servants said, “What is this? While the child was alive you fasted and wept for him, but when he is dead you arose and ate food. And David said, “While he was alive, I fasted and wept; for who can tell Yahweh Elohim will be gracious to me, and that he may live?” But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I can go to him, but he cannot return to me.”

Here we have one of the worst failures of King David. You may say, “How can a man of Elohim do this horrible work?” We fail Yahweh in two ways, one is by doing something that we should not do; and the other by not doing what we should do. And if we do not repent and make it right with our Savior this will become a weakness in us that the devil can use to get an open door into our walk with our Creator will try to destroy us in our weakness. Elohim’s Holy Word lets us know, that it happened at the time when kings go out with their army to do battle, that David chose to remain at home at Yerushalayim. This act puts David out of the very will of Elohim, and as he takes his ease at not being where Elohim wanted him, and of not doing what Yahweh had called him to do; leaves him weak and open to the temptations of the devil. And Saw-tan always will try to take his best shot at those that allow this to happen in their lives. As the devil did Iyob/Job.

Iyob 1:6-7 The sons of Elohim are “believers” human, and not angels as many think that this is referring to. We are sons of Elohim. Yohanan/John 1:12, 1 Yohanan 3:1-2, Rom. 8:14-29, Luke 20:36 Adam is a son of Elohim. Luke 3:38 Yahweh Elohim has never called an angel his son. Heb.1:5, 13 These were believers that had come to present themselves before Elohim and worship him as we do in these days. And Saw-tan stepped in also, of course in the “spirit realm.” And Yahweh asked Saw-tan, “From where you have come?” Saw-tan said, “From going throughout the earth looking for those that are weak, with a door open for him to work on them.” Iyob did have a little weakness of fear, but Elohim was still taking care of him. 1:8-12 Iyob’s fear was for his children. 1:4-5, 3:25 It took Saw-tan a while to find his weakness.

Saw-tan, the old devil is always trying to find our weaknesses. He begins to tempt and deceive mankind to know more about him. If we stay strong in Yeshua, we will have no weaknesses. But if you let the devil’s temptations deceive you: you will be drawn away from our Yeshua’s strength and become easy prey for Saw-tan. This is what David did. He was not in Elohim’s perfect will and way and was tempted and drawn further away by his own desires, or lusts and enticed and when desire and lust is conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full-grown or finished, it brings forth death. Ya’aqob/James 1:14-15

So do not be deceived, stay strong in Yeshua, and overcome the devil’s temptations and deceptions. And if you do fail and mess up, do not go down in failure. All have failed and messed up at times, because we are all humans. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. Rom. 3:23 But all rests on how we handle and overcome failure. It is not; “Have you messed up?” Or “Are you going to get up?” Prov. 24:16 David messed up bad, but he got right up repented to Yahweh Elohim. David arose from the ground, washed, and anointed himself, changing his clothes, and went into the house of Yahweh and worshiped. This is how we can overcome and handle failure. He made it right with Yahweh Elohim making him a man pleasing to Elohim. He had to destroy the yoke that he had let Saw-tan put around his neck again. Yesh./Isa. 10:27 David wanted to make it right with Elohim, but he still had to pay for his failure, for our bad seeds planted do sprot and grow. But this is how to handle and overcome failure. When you come out of a failure, a big mess, don’t speak of it or about it. Just get on with your life in Yeshua. The future is glorious with true and sorrowful repentance. Call in your restored future in Yahshua. You have what you say! Matt. 12:33-37, Prov. 18:21, 2 cor. 7:9-10

If things do not look good; call in the good. Rom. 4:16-17 This is what Yahweh taught Abraham to do. To call in that, that is pleasing unto Elohim, submit to him in complete repentance, resist the devil, and he and his works will have to leave. Draw near to Elohim and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands you sinners; and purify your hearts you double minded. Ya’aqob 4:7-8 This is how you handle and overcome your every failure.

If king David had let his past failure rule or conquer him, there would never have been a Shelomoh. Too many just never get back with Yeshua, to the place they were before they failed. They just will not fully repent and pay the price of getting back to their place in him, so they just exist in a fallen state of being and doing nothing with Yeshua. They are miserable and make all around them miserable.

Then there are those that have been taught false doctrine. Heb. 6: 4-6 “If they fall away;” is not just backsliding or failing Elohim by messing up. This means to forsake, divorce, desert willingly or knowingly. But there are those that teach that if you just backslide or fail Elohim that you can never come back to your place in him. When Yahweh Elohim is calling all backsliders back to himself. Yir./Jer. 3:11-15, 2 Cor. 5:20 And there are many that have failed Elohim and will not even try to come back to him. Mike Mahrenholz, my brother-in-law, had a friend in California that failed and backslid and never would try to repent and come back to his place in Yeshua, because of this false teaching. When the prodigal son came to his right mind and came back home, he found his dad running to him before he got to the house with great love and blessings and much rejoicing. Luke 15:17-24 If you have become a son of Elohim, do not trade sonship for a servant of sin just because you fail or backslide, realize whose son you are and get up, come back home, repent with all regret to your heavenly Father, and remain his son forever! John 8:33-35 Too many of these that listen to the devil and his false teachings become reprobates, debased minds, rejects, castaways. Rom. 1:28 And some of these Saw-tan gets them to take their own lives, because of the guilt Saw-tan puts on them; as Yehudah, repenting only to man instead to Creator Elohim. Matt. 27:3-5 Shim’on Kepha failed also, but repented quickly to Yahweh before Saw-tan could work on him with guilt. Luke 22:56-62 Four experts on suicides say that guilt is the main reason. DO NOT LET THE GUILTY ONE PUT THE GUILT ON YOU! If you fail and fall; just get up, quickly repent, and go on with Yeshua. This is what he tells us to do to handle and overcome failure.

We are to be “more than conquerors!” We are “overcomers!” Yeshua said, “The one who overcome shall inherit all things and I will be his Elohim, and he shall be my son” Rev. 21:7 All through his Holy Word we are called to Yahveh’s sons with his only Son; and this is by our spirits, not our bodies. Only in our bodies are we male and female. Yahweh is seeing us as spirits. Gal. 3:27-28, Rom. 8:14-15, 19, 29, Luke 20:36 We are sons of the resurrecting with Yeshua. If you are not an “overcomer,” come and be “born again” into the “overcomers! Yohanan 3:1-7 Keep overcoming times of falling and failure by getting back up and overcoming!

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