



## “FAILING FORWARD” POWERLUNCH • SEPTEMBER 9

We all fail. In business, in marriage, as parents, as grandparents, in relationships, with temptation – all of us fail to achieve what our goals at some point in life. Sometimes failure is due to our own mistakes or weaknesses. Other times failure to reach our goals is the result of things beyond our control – circumstances, personality conflicts, or like in the case of Joseph, mistreatment by others. The issue is not IF we will fail, the issue is our response WHEN we fail.

### **Joseph knew failure well:**

- Joseph failed to build healthy relationships with his family.
- Joseph failed to keep his job.
- Joseph failed to sufficiently impress people who could get him out of jail.

### **John Maxwell says that people tend to respond to failure in 5 ways:**

1. “Blow Up” -
2. “Cover Up” -
3. “Speed Up” -
4. “Back Up” -
5. “Give Up” -

Maxwell says what we need to do is “WAKE UP!” and take responsibility for the failure and the solution.

We can also do what Joseph did: “LOOK UP!” We need to acknowledge that any success we achieve comes from God, and should be used to bless other people.

### **Genesis 41:39-41**

**NEXT WEEK:** USING OUR GOD-GIVEN SUCCESS TO BLESS OTHERS THAT DON'T DESERVE IT.