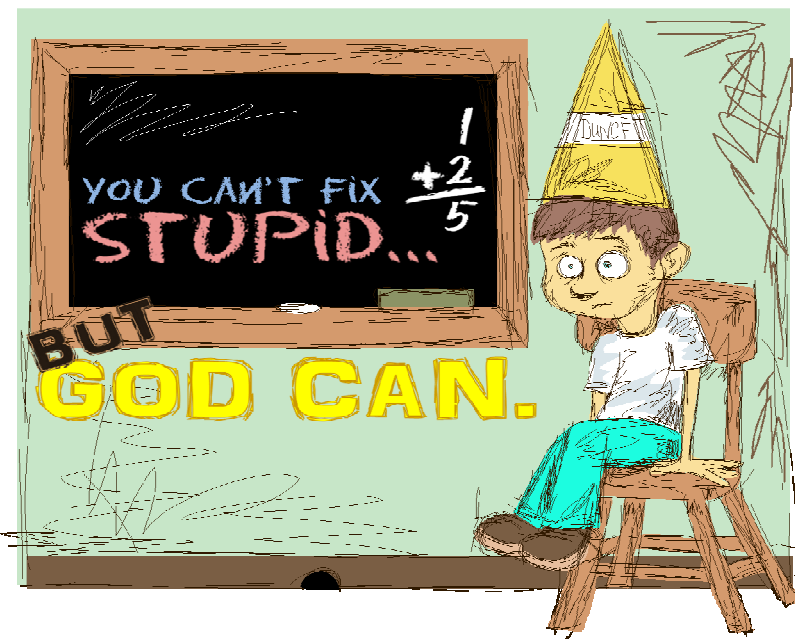


# Join Us Next Week as we continue Summer Sermon Series



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**You Can't Fix Stupid, But God Can – Sermon #6  
Overcoming Failure  
Exodus 2:11-15; Acts 7:23-29**

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## 1. IT IS STUPID TO FAST-FORWARD GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR LIFE.

- Moses' motivation was to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the Hebrews.
- Moses' impetuous action was driven by \_\_\_\_\_.  
SCRIPTURE – **Exodus 2:12** "Glancing this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand."  
SCRIPTURE – **Acts 7:25** "For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them; but they understood not."
- The Hebrew's response was to \_\_\_\_\_ Moses.  
SCRIPTURE – **Acts 7:27,28** "But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him (Moses) away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us? Will you kill me, like you did the Egyptian yesterday?'"
- Moses' dilemma – he was out of \_\_\_\_\_.  
SCRIPTURE – **Exodus 2:15** "When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he tried to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the presence of Pharaoh and settled in the land of Midian".

## 2. UNDERSTANDING \_\_\_\_\_ WE FAIL.

- We fail when we try to do God's work in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- We fail when we depend on our own \_\_\_\_\_.

  1. God taught Moses that His victories are not usually won in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.
  2. God was teaching Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ Him completely.

- We fail when our motivation is primarily \_\_\_\_\_ rather than rational.

  1. Moses focused on compassion instead of \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Rational motivation is enduring - emotional motivation is \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Rational motivation focuses on God's perspective - emotional motivation focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ perspective.

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ FROM FAILURE.

- By recognizing we are \_\_\_\_\_.

  1. Most of the time we fail because of our own \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Acknowledge your \_\_\_\_\_.

- By returning to the God of the \_\_\_\_\_ chance.

### 4. KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER – GOD WANTS TO USE OUR FAILURES TO GIVE US A NEW \_\_\_\_\_ OF HIMSELF. (JOHN 8:58)

- In the burning bush God gave Moses a *new revelation* of Himself – He is now \_\_\_\_\_ "*the God who will make things \_\_\_\_\_.*"
- SCRIPTURE – **Exodus 3:13,14** "*Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, the God of your fathers*

*has sent me to you', and they ask me, 'what is His name?' Then what shall I tell them? God said to Moses, 'I AM who I Am. That is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.'"*

- In Jesus God gives all mankind a *new revelation* of Himself – He is the great \_\_\_\_\_ – God in the flesh.
- SCRIPTURE – **John 1:14, 17-18** "*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father... For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known."*

- To overcome failure you must respond \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus' claims on your life.
- SCRIPTURE – **John 8:58** "*...I tell you the truth', Jesus answered, 'before Abraham was born, I Am.'"*

- Practical steps toward \_\_\_\_\_ *hope* from the great "*I Am*":

1. Step #1 – Identify your worst failure: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Step #2 – Imagine how Jesus would have dealt with someone who had that *same failure* during His \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.
3. Step #3 – Affirm the fact that He knows, cares, and has come to you right \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Step #4 – Anticipate the way He will use past failure as a \_\_\_\_\_ stone.
5. Step #5 – Praise Him that He can unleash resources, people, and unanticipated potentials which you could have never \_\_\_\_\_ possible to help you.