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Part 5: Failure Final

REVIEW

God is always at work even when we get it wrong.
God is always at work even when we don't see it.
God is always at work even in unlikely people.
God is always at work even in unlikely places.
God is always at work even when we don't see it.
God's plans always work.

The Story

1. THE TRIAL

1 Samuel 12:6 (ESV)-And Samuel said to the people, "The Lord is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the Lord concerning all the righteous deeds of the Lord that he performed for you and for your fathers.

2. THE EVIDENCE

1 Samuel 12:7,11 (ESV)-then your fathers cried out to the Lord and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. And the Lord sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety.

3. THE VERDICT

1 Samuel 12:12 (ESV)-And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the Lord your God was your king.

The Path to Renewal

1. Remember what God has done.

1 Samuel 11:25 (ESV)-Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingdom.

1 Chronicles 16:12 (ESV)-Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles and the judgments he uttered

Psalms 111:4 (ESV)-He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

2. Realize our mistakes.

1 Samuel 12:19 (ESV)-And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king.

3. Recognize God's Forgiveness.

1 Samuel 12:20 And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.

It is not that he can Forgive, it is that he has forgiven.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)-but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hebrews 10:17 (ESV)-Then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

4. Reaffirm our relationship.

1 Samuel 12:24 (ESV)-Only fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.

God looks past our problems and sees our potential.

1 Samuel 12:14 (ESV)-If you will fear the Lord and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the Lord your God, it will be well.

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Here Is The Point: Failure is not the end!