

A stone archway in a forest leads to a landscape with three crosses on a hill at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The archway is made of rough-hewn stones and is surrounded by lush green foliage. The landscape beyond the archway shows a hill with three crosses, and the sky is filled with soft, golden light.

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The fear of failure is a modern day dilemma. If we could only live in a world where we don't face the aspect of failure on a daily basis, life would be good.

There's good news about failure. It has been dealt with.

If you feel you have failed or someone has failed you, I'd like to introduce you to Someone Who has overcome and won a victory over failure. Would you like to know about this and about how it was accomplished? It is the purpose of this little tract: to let you know that there is a way that leads past failings and failures, even those to come.

It's true. There is a failure we have to face. It is sin. It wasn't just our first parents who experienced failure in the Garden of Eden and thus our parents. We have inherited that failing. Sin has permeated our world. Sin has left us in the garden of death, despair and delusion.

I want to share with you today that it doesn't have to end there. A way out has been provided.

PEOPLE/FRIENDS FAIL US

It's true that people fail us; even our friends fail us. Someone we counted on let us down. Someone we loved disappointed us. We offered them friendship, but they refused to give us theirs. We have come to the heart-rending conclusion that people and our friends failed us; they didn't understand our situation and condition. People and friends failed us just when we needed them most. Can you imagine the hurt God felt when His

perfect creatures, His friends, failed him?

THINGS FAIL US

Have you spent your life in accumulating things? It's a common failure. It happens and we don't even realize it. We use our energy, our time, and our talent in accumulating more and more because we are of the opinion that these bring joy and happiness. Then something happens and we find no amount of things, money or goods, can bring satisfaction or overcome our fears and apprehensions. Things fail us.

HEALTH FAILS US

It's difficult enough when friends and things fail us, but what about when health fails us? Some say that when you have health you have everything. But what happens when health fails us? Nothing is so dreadful as to hear

medical terms like “cancer” or “heart attack” when they apply to us. Where do we turn? Who can help us when the doctor says, “There is nothing more we can do.” Is there any hope when health fails us?

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Did you know that there is Someone Who will never fail you? Yes, friends may fail you, things may fail you and health may fail you

BUT...

There is One Who will never fail you.

HOW DO WE KNOW?

We know because Jesus was able to deal with our deepest need. *How* He dealt with it may surprise you, but it will help you overcome your personal failings and the failure of friends, things and health.

Perhaps we don't even realize what our deepest need really is. It isn't the need for friends, things or health. No, our deepest need is for the forgiveness of our failings, failures, our sins. The Bible says: "No one does good, not even one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:12, 23)

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS!

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends."

Jesus saw our greatest need when we became separated from Him. The Bible says, "There is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23) and states further: "For we hold that one is justified by faith *apart from* works of the law" (Romans 3:28).

Jesus is the One Who opened a way for us: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

OUR GREATEST NEED IS MET BY JESUS

He met our greatest need in a strange way.

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

As stated above, whether we realized it or not, our deepest need is for the forgiveness of sins. And Jesus has provided. How do we know?

He went to the cross. There He rescued us from darkness and condemnation. “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13,14).

HOW DID HE MEET OUR DEEPEST NEED?

“For our sake [God] made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in [Christ] we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Jesus set His face towards Jerusalem knowing full well what was to happen there. He said, “No one takes [My life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord” (John 10:18).

So He went through the suffering and agony of a common criminal. He was mocked and beaten. A crown of thorns was put on His head; He carried the cross to Calvary, where He would die for the sins of the world.

“For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever

believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

What He was doing on the cross was carrying your load of sin. “The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from ALL SIN. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:7, 9).

He suffered and died under our load of sin, but He rose from the dead demonstrating His victory over all our enemies! By His suffering and death...

HE HAS MET OUR DEEPEST NEED

Remember, our deepest need for our failures was for the forgiveness of sins. I ask you, then, if He is able to meet our deepest need – the forgiveness of sins – is He not able to meet our lesser needs as well?

Indeed, friends may fail us, things may fail us and our health may fail us. But...

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“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven and whose sins are covered” (Romans 4:7). “Rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).

Yes, you can have the assurance that
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A plaque with the saying JESUS NEVER FAILS hung in my parent's farm home in rural Minnesota for 62 years of their marriage (see back cover). Both of my parents died within months of each other and when each member of the family selected a special keepsake from the family home, I chose to take the plaque, which now hangs in my office. Before hanging it there, I took the plaque to a printer and asked if it could be reproduced in the form of a bookmark. The bookmark produced has been distributed all over the world and this tract is being produced in a variety of languages so that the message of the bookmark is clear.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert L. Rahn".

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Friends fail us. Things fail us. Health fails us.

**But there is One who never fails us –
our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**On the cross at Calvary, He met our
deepest need: the forgiveness of sins.**

By His shed blood, Jesus did not fail us.

HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU!



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