

Falling Giants and Failing Forward

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- *What success or positive event in your life prepared you to face a challenge later in life?*

The challenges of life that may appear to be _____ at the time often prepare us for our future blessings and victories – helping us discover who we can become.

- _____
 - Moses & Joshua (Exodus, Numbers 13-14, Joshua)
 - *What delays in your life have prepared or may still prepare you for what lies ahead?*
- _____
 - Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
 - Ruth
 - *Are there disappointments that you can envision shaping your future?*
- _____
 - Paul (Acts 9, 11:19-30, 15, etc.)
 - *How might God use your disadvantages to both shape you and glorify Himself?*

Delays, disappointments and disadvantages all put you in a position you would rather not be in at the time. However, each can and will serve you eventually *if* you _____ to let it.

Do you...

_____ or _____

- Ready, Aim, Fire or Fire, Ready...Oops!

_____ or _____

- Stay or Move

_____ or _____

- Isaiah 55:6
- Proverbs 3:5-6

_____ or _____

- In spite of vs. because of

_____ or _____

- Either way, you *are* and *will be* changed...
- _____ vs. _____

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Do you...

Respond or React

- Ready, Aim, Fire or Fire, Ready...Oops!

Ascend or Accept

- Stay or Move

Listen or Loathe

- Isaiah 55:6
- Proverbs 3:5-6

Believe or Be Bitter

- In spite of vs. because of

Formed or Finished

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- Special vs. Spoiled

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