

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest with many bare, thin trees. The scene is shrouded in a thick mist or fog, creating a somber and eerie mood. The color palette is dominated by dark blues, greys, and blacks, with a slight cyan tint. The trees are silhouetted against the lighter, hazy background.

HAUNTED

# Haunted by Failure

2 Timothy 4:6-8

# Haunted Review

- Haunted: to frequent or visit on a regular basis with the intent to cause worry, anxiety or distress.
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- *We are haunted by experiences*
- *We are haunted by events*
- *We are haunted by emotions*

# What is Failure?

- Failure is to experience the lack of success, to be unable to do what is required or desired, or to experience an insufficiency or shortage.
- Sometimes we are blocked from doing what we think is right in order, to accomplish something greater.

# Francis Chan on Failure

- Our greatest fear in life should not be of failure but of succeeding at things that don't really matter

# How Does Failure Haunt Us?

- We are reminded of our defeats
- We are reminded of our deficiencies
- We are reminded of our downfalls
- We are reminded of our derailments
- We are reminded of our disappointments

# The Reality of Failure

- Failure is a common experience
- Failure is rarely the end
- It's only a bad mistake if it's your last mistake
- Failure should never establish us
- Failure can lead to greater effectiveness

# Common Responses to Failure

- Frustration
- Fatigue
- Futility



## 2 Timothy 4:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

# Moving Beyond Failure Requires a Right Perspective

- Success flows to lives that are prepared
- Success flows to lives that are presented
- Success flows to lives that purpose filled

# Moving Beyond Failure Requires Personal Persistence

- Moving past failures means that we have to fight
- Moving past failures means that we have to finish
- Moving past failures means that we need faith

# Moving Beyond Failure Requires Concentration on the Prize

- We lose concentration because we are distracted
- We lose concentration because we are dismayed
- We lose concentration because we are disgruntled
- We lose concentration because we are discouraged

# How Do We Handle Failure?

- Be inspired to keep going
- Failure should be our teacher not our undertaker - John Maxwell
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- Be intense in effort
- Be inclined to continue searching
- Be influenced by Christ's example