

Avengers Endgame

Sunday, October 27, 2019 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

1. Failure is a part of our "story"

- It helps us identify our weaknesses
- It can strengthen our resolve
- How we respond to it determines our <u>future</u>

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 NLT

2. Experiencing loss is part of our "story"

- It can make us <u>bitter</u> or <u>angry</u> or <u>fearful</u>
- We can overcome it by God's grace

¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! **2 Corinthians 4:16-17** NLT

- 3. Sacrifice can be part of our "story"
 - Our faith leads us to it
 - <u>Jesus' sacrifice</u> brings us victory

If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Luke 9:24 NLT

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? **Romans 8:31-32** NLT

Next Steps:

- □ Commit to learn and grow from my past and current failures and mistakes allowing God to transform me
- Fight against anger or bitterness when I face troubles and loss by trusting in God and his plans for my life
- □ Commit to following Jesus' example of love in action by putting others above my own desires
- □ I believe God is leading me to _____