

Fail



what to do when
things go wrong

THE DO-OVER

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Jeremiah received the LORD's word:
Go down to the potter's house,
and I'll give you instructions about
what to do there. So I went down to the
potter's house; he was working on the
potter's wheel. But the piece he was
making was flawed while still in his
hands, so the potter started on
another, as seemed best to him.

Jeremiah 18:1-4

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Then the LORD's word came to me: House
of Israel, can't I deal with you like this
potter, declares the LORD? Like clay in the
potter's hand, so are you in mine, house
of Israel! At any time I may announce that
I will dig up, pull down, and destroy a nation or
kingdom; but if that nation I warned turns from its evil,
then I'll relent and not carry out the harm I intended for it.
At the same time, I may announce that I will build and plant
a nation or kingdom; but if that nation displeases and
disobeys me, then I'll relent and not carry out the good I
intended for it.

Jeremiah 18:5-10

Grab Gather Grow

Week of Sunday, April 15, 2018

Grab this study, gather a few people,
and grow in faith

THE DO-OVER

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)
(see side panels)

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, at one time or another all of
us have felt powerless in the face of
circumstances over which we have no
control. Yet we also know that things often
go wrong because of our own actions or
inactions. By your Spirit, guide us as we
seek to recognize and learn from our own
mistakes and bad decisions. Amen.

DISCUSSION (one or two or ...)

Discuss the following statement ...
"Mistakes can't always be avoided, but they
can always be learned from. We can choose
to let our mistakes define us and bring us
down or to catapult us to something better
... Mistakes can help us become the people
God wants us to be.

- Matt Miofsky, author of *Fail*

Life is not as simple as a childhood game,
where one can ask for a do-over. Name a
time, when, had it been possible, you would
have asked for a do-over.

Read together Jeremiah 18:1-12. What does
the potter tell him about a failed pot? When
a pot is bad, the potter is able to rebuild
something beautiful out of the exact same
lump of clay. Do you believe God can make
something beautiful from your failures?
Why or Why not?

In what aspects of my life have I redefined
myself? Did failure play a role in this? Did
God?

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Now say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem: This is what the LORD says: I am a potter preparing a disaster for you; I'm working out a plan against you. So each one of you, turn from your evil ways; reform your ways and your actions. But they said, "What's the use! We will follow our own plans and act according to our own willful, evil hearts."

Jeremiah 18:11-12

SERVE

As we approach a 5th Sunday, April 29th, call the church office and sign up to join one of our service teams that afternoon. Mark your calendar, worship with us at 10am, potluck at 11 and then that afternoon join a service team.

We will gather again at 6pm at what we are calling a Service Celebration.

Our Change for Change this week is Native American Ministry Sunday. We will be giving our change or special gifts to *The Spirit Lake Ministry Center in North Dakota*. Our Youth a few summers ago visited the Spirit Lake Ministry Center. One of their biggest ministries are Christmas Shoe Boxes. Could your *Gathering* put together a Shoe Box Christmas. It takes a shoe box, fill it with Christmas gifts, wrap it but in such a way it can be opened and mark the outside if its for a boy or a girl and what age. Bring them to BUMC when complete.

Extra Scripture Reading this week...

Lamentations: Chapter 2 & Jeremiah: Chapters 13-25



FAITH
share read talk pray bless



AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share your High and Low of the day; read the daily scripture; talk about it; pray about each others highs and lows, and at the end of the day, bless each other with the blessing below or one of your own.

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 18:1-4

MONDAY: Jeremiah 18:5-6

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 18:5-10

WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 18:11-12

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 2:4-13

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 32:26-27

SATURDAY: Jeremiah 38:6

BLESSING: "May Jesus mold you into something beautiful."