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NO FAILURES

Years ago, a teacher told a young boy about six years of age that he was stupid and that he would never learn anything. His mother was a part of our church in southwest Florida. I sat down with her son and talked to him. I told him that not knowing did not make him stupid, it only meant he had not learned it yet. I told him that he was smart and that he could learn anything that he put his mind to.

That young boy grew up and graduated with honors. That teacher could have been responsible for this young boy's failure in life. He could have believed what she said and decided what's the use, I am stupid.

In Proverbs 18:21 it says, ***"Death and life are in the power of the tongue..."*** If I recall correctly God spoke words in Genesis and life came. He spoke everything into existence with his words. We too do the same. We must choose our words carefully because they will either bring life or death.

I am thankful I helped this boy, but I had a mother that instilled it into me. She told me when I was very young that I could do anything that I put my mind to. I believed her, and because of her words, I know that I have become the person I am.

What are you speaking over yourself? Have you failed? Well, my friend, you aren't a failure because you fail. You are a failure if you quit and don't try again. Every one of us has failed, but God gives us renewed chances every day of our life.

In Lamentations 3:21 it says, ***"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."*** God's mercies never fail, and we won't fail either if we remember his faithfulness.

Let's remember Psalm 19:14 where it says, ***"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."*** This should be our prayer every day, so we bring life with our words and not death.