

 SECTION 1 – WELCOME & INTRO (2–3 minutes)

[Begin warmly]

“Good morning, Lucas Fellowship! 

I pray you're staying warm and safe today. Like many of you, I'm iced in here in North Texas—but that doesn't stop us from worshiping together!”

“We've been walking through Ephesians and today, we're going to talk about something most of us avoid... failure. But not just failure—failing *more*. Yes, you heard that right.”

“Today's message is titled: **Fail More**. And I promise—it's not as scary as it sounds. In fact, it may be the most freeing thing you hear all week.”

Insight:

“God isn't waiting for you to be perfect—He's inviting you to be present. There's grace for the stumble, and strength for the step.”

 PRAYER (1 minute)

“Lord Jesus, we ask that You speak to us today. Help us let go of fear and walk boldly in Your way of love. Teach us that failure doesn't define us—Your love does. In Your name, amen.”

 SCRIPTURE READING (2 minutes)

Let's read together from **Ephesians 5:15–20** and **1 Corinthians 13:8**.

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity... Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is... be filled with the Spirit... always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

— *Ephesians 5:15–20*

“Love never fails.”

— *1 Corinthians 13:8*

SECTION 2 – OPENING ILLUSTRATION (3–4 minutes)

Are you an over-packer or an under-packer?

Some folks pack light—like, three shirts for a two-week trip. Others? They’re gone one night and bring the whole closet.

Why am I asking? Because **you can’t follow Jesus and carry everything with you**. The way of love requires us to leave some baggage behind. And one thing that can’t come with you is the **fear of failure**.

“There’s room for failure—but not the *fear of failure*.”

Bottom Line:

“Failure isn’t the enemy of faith—fear is.”

Mic Drop:

“You can’t be a water-walker if you won’t step out of the boat. Faith gets wet!”

SECTION 3 – MAIN POINT #1: "Love Never Fails" (4–5 minutes)

Scripture says: **“Love never fails.”**

Not success. Not approval. Not applause.

Only love.

So at the end of the day, here’s the better question:

“Did I love well today?”

Bottom Line:

“If love never fails, then failing in love isn’t failure—it’s obedience.”

Insight:

“The only people who never fail are the ones who never try... and that’s the real tragedy.”

Mic Drop:

“You were not made to play it safe—you were made to pour it out. Love isn’t safe. Love isn’t neat. Love. Is. Jesus!”

TRANSITION TO MAIN TEACHING (1 minute)

Let's dig into our passage. There's a Greek word in verse 17 that unlocks a powerful truth...

SECTION 4 – MAIN POINT #2: "Understand... Enough" (4–5 minutes)

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." – *Eph. 5:17*

The Greek word “**syniete**” doesn't mean full understanding. It means **just enough to take the next faithful step**.

Bottom Line: “You don't need to understand fully to obey immediately.”

Insight:

“When God's will seems unclear, take the next right step. He doesn't steer parked cars.”

Mic Drop:

“The enemy of your destiny ain't failure—it's fear in disguise!”

PRACTICAL TIPS (1–2 minutes)

1. **Don't be foolish** – Pray. Psalm 14:1
2. **Get wise counsel** – Proverbs 12:15
3. **Move forward** with faith, even without full clarity.

SECTION 5 – MAIN POINT #3: "Make the Most of Every Opportunity" (4–5 minutes)

“...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” – *Eph. 5:16*

God isn't breathing down your neck saying, “Don't mess this up.”

He's beside you saying, “Let's do this together.”

Bottom Line:

“The fear of failure keeps you from the freedom of faith.”

Insight:

“Living wisely isn’t about knowing everything—it’s about seizing what God puts in front of you today.”

Mic Drop:

“Stop measuring your life by what you built and start measuring it by who you blessed!”

REFLECTION + CHALLENGE (1–2 minutes)

- What opportunity is in front of you that fear is keeping you from seizing?
- What step of faith could unlock a door for someone else?

Bottom Line: “Your greatest impact may come from what looks like your biggest risk.”

SECTION 6 – FINAL POINT: “Speak Life” (2–3 minutes)

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit...” – *Eph. 5:19*

Insight:

“Our words can be a healing balm or a heavy burden. Choose healing.”

Bottom Line:

“Your words might be the fuel someone else needs to take their next step of faith.”

Example song lyric: “*Even when I don’t see it, You’re working...*” (Way Maker)

CONCLUSION & PRAYER (2 minutes)

Reflect:

1. What are you not doing because of fear?
2. What next step are you delaying because it doesn’t feel safe?
3. Who needs a word of courage from you this week?

Mic Drop (Finale):

“If you’re going to fail, fail *forward*. If you’re going to fall, fall *in love*. Because love—never—fails!”

Closing Prayer:

“Lord, help us to walk in Your way of love. To take risks. To love boldly. And to never let fear stop us from following You. Help us to fail more, love more, and trust You more. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Wrap-Up

“Church family, I love you. Stay warm, stay connected, and remember—**Love never fails. So don’t be afraid to fail more.** See you next week!”