



## Day 49 - Get Back Up

Sunday, January 12, 2020

“Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” (Joshua 8:1)

At 6:36am on December 20, 2019, Boeing launched its Starliner rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida. It was the first test trial of its unscrewed capsule in its mission to launch and transport U.S. astronauts via American rockets to the International Space Station. There was great anticipation leading up to launch given the time and effort put into producing a successful mission. Although the launch went well, clearing over 20,000 point checks, it was announced shortly afterward that the Starliner was in the wrong orbit. The Starliner would be brought down two days later in White Sands, New Mexico. The NASA and Boeing teams were disappointed but saw it as an opportunity for them to examine what worked and what didn't in order to improve future outcomes. The question today is how do you handle disappointment? Do you use it to confirm your negative thoughts and doubts? Or, do you positively acknowledge your efforts and assess the good along with the bad. In our scripture today, God speaks to Joshua after the Israelites had just lost a battle. Joshua feared all their enemies would try to attack them because of their recent defeat. “Then the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” (Joshua 8:1). God then proceeded to give Joshua instruction on how to defeat his enemy. So, no matter what your past shortcomings or disappointments have been, do not overlook what was done well and seek God for direction regarding what did not work, then move forward.

Prayer: “Lord help me to know that though I may fail at times, I am not a failure. Help me to see that the times when I am disappointed are opportunities to grow. Guide me daily and help me to see things the way you see them. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.”

Pray for God's continued guidance, protection, provision and success for Cliffard Whitby (Bibb County 2020 mayoral candidate) and the Whitby2020 campaign team and supporters. Pray that God would grow and increase this movement and energize individuals to co-labor with us for positive change.