

*Give people as much room to fail
as to succeed*

November 16

The Bible paints a picture of Jesus, as both Son of God and Son of man. Jesus' humanity demanded that He be taught and experience life while growing into His manhood and ministry. Not only was He tempted in every way, yet without sin, but He also learned the value of obeying through the things which He suffered. The prophet Isaiah declared that Messiah would be allowed to taste both the sweet and the bitter things of life so that He would know how to make decisions for himself when it came His time.

God gave His Son Jesus the right of choice and allowed Him as much room to fail as He did to succeed. Jesus could have called ten thousand angels to fight for Him and escape the cross, but He chose not to. That choice was His right. We need not feel the burden to micromanage those whom we disciple and raise beyond the season of their preparation. At some point, we must allow others to ride beyond our reach as we are raising up runners for the next lap.

Prayer for Today

Father, I ask that You give me wisdom and the grace to trust others as You trust them and to allow those under my care to shoulder their responsibilities in direct relationship with You. This is Your Kingdom and we are all Your servants. Help us all to make the right choice in Jesus' Name.

Scriptures for Today

Isaiah 7:15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. (NKJV)

Hebrews 5:8 Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (NKJV)