

**PRINCIPLES FOR BEING CHRISTIAN AND DOING CHURCH**  
**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**

RISK TAKING CHANGE AND EMBRACING FAILURE AS LEARNING TOOL

William D. Watley, New Seasons Press, All Rights Reserved.

*PRINCIPLE TEN:*

*Do not be afraid of risk taking change and embrace failure and mistakes as invaluable learning tools.*

Faith and Failure

Abraham, Fear over faith (Abraham and Sarah, Genesis 12: 10-20)

Moses, Loss of patience over faith (Water from the rock, Numbers 20: 2-13)

David, Flesh over faith (David and Bathsheba, II Samuel 11-12: 25)

Peter, Panic over faith (Peter denies the Lord, Mark 14: 66-72)

Failure and Vision

Bridge to Nowhere, Atlanta

Ramp to Nowhere, Cape town, South Africa

Expressway to Nowhere in New York City

Risk Taking Change and Failure: Lessons from the disciple Peter (Matthew 14: 22-33)

Only those who are venturing forth into new territory encounter embarrassing and public failure

Some failure then is inherent to risk taking change

The bulk of people prefer safety rather than risk, thus they do not grow

Often the reality of opposition causes some failure

Failure is not necessarily fatal

Failure exposes weaknesses we may not be aware of

Failure humbles us

Failure feeds into fear of the “I told you so,” crowd still stuck in the boat

The presence of the Lord is with us in our failures

The Lord is always in control and is able to redeem situation to his glory

Peter is most remembered for his victories than his defeats