

## When I Fail at Ministry

*This happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God.*  
(2 Corinthians 1:9, NIV)

Lord, I feel like I failed at giving the devotional last night. I was a bit unsure of myself when I got up, even without the brass rehearsing in the room behind me. But just as I walked up front, they kicked into a peppy, stylized number. That was all it took. The people were distracted, I was distracted, and I never could overcome it.

This morning You seemed to whisper that it was time for me to rest more completely in You in my service. I am too nervous about tasks, especially speaking. That nervousness makes me the center of my attention – not You, not the people, not the task at hand. Me.

From now on, Lord, I will prepare as You lead me to prepare. I will ponder my subject as You lead me to ponder it. I will pray as You lead me to pray.

But I will always rest in You. I will look to You and realize Your presence. I will leave the task in Your hands. Help me never grasp it or move it from there.

I am in Your hands completely.

The task is in Your hands completely.

Keep my eyes, mind, and heart on You, Father, not on the work. You do the work, and use me however You choose.

Hymn: [Fruitful in You](#)

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