**Zechariah**Don't Give Up
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s\_IA1TYpVKU
Austrian skier Hermann Maier survives a spectacular crash at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Japan and wins a gold medal three days later.
How do you handle failure? Splatter or bouncer
90% of people who fail, quit after failures.

Don't give up on God, ….Why?

**1. He Loves You**
*This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.’ Zech. 1:3*

Ever wonder if it's too late? God's given up on you?
While you're living, it's never too late.
When you walk away from God, he wants you back
Prodigal son.
Compassion International Nicaragua. kids outside church
God's in the business of redeeming

**2. He Can Help You***Don’t be like your ancestors who would not listen or pay attention when the earlier prophets said to them,…..” Zech 1:4-6*
better than your parents, ancestors
8 visions
horses- God will restore Israel
Horns - God destroys his enemies (every one who has
Measuring Line - God will Bless
Garments- God forgives and restores
Lampstands - Nothing stops God (chapter 4)
Flying Scrolls - God will judge sinners
Women in Basket - God will remove sin
4 chariots - judgment and then rest

**3. His Word NEVER FAILS**stand on it, count on it, believe it, live it, do it, trust it
The Bible is the most despised, derided, denied, disputed, dissected, and debated book in all of history. This Bible has been under attack for centuries — for everything you can imagine. Yet the Bible is still the most read, most published, and most translated book in the world. And, most importantly, it’s still changing the lives of those who apply what it teaches. One of the reasons I believe the Bible is God’s Word is that it has survived so many attacks throughout history. Despite all the attacks throughout history, today the Bible is the greatest single source of culture. It’s the greatest single source for music, art, and architecture. If you take the Bible out of culture, you would destroy most of the major music, artwork, and architecture of the past 2,000 years. In the 1700's Voltaire predicted that Christianity would be extinct within 100 years of his death(1778), his estate became a French Bible Society printing headquarters.
Predicted Alexander the great's conquest but would not attack Jerusalem 9:1-8
*I will guard my Temple and protect it from invading armies.I am watching closely to ensure that no more foreign oppressors overrun my people’s land. (9:9)*Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey
*Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious,yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt. 9:9 This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,*

*5 “Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you.He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.’” Matt.21:4-5*Jesus arrested and beaten
“*Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered,13:7
 On the way, Jesus told them, “Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ Matthew 26:31*Jesus betrayed for the price of a slave 30 pieces of silver
*And I said to them, “If you like, give me my wages, whatever I am worth; but only if you want to.” So they counted out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter[a]”—this magnificent sum at which they valued me! So I took the thirty coins and threw them to the potter in the Temple of the Lord. 11:12-13
 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, “How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” And they gave him thirty pieces of silver Matthew 26:14-15*Jesus pierced on the cross *“Then I will pour out a spirit[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+12&version=NLT#fen-NLT-23032b)*] of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son.  Zech 12:10*Invasion of Rome *"wailing Shepherd" Zech 11:1-3* shepherd are leaders Rome attacked *true shepherd was Jesus that they killed, Zechariah cared for sheep for awhile, then they didn’t want him*

**4. Jesus is the Hope of the World** *Don't believe in the false news of the media, culture,
False Shepherd - Antichrist, they believe him
“What sorrow awaits this worthless shepherd, who abandons the flock! The sword will cut his arm(power) and pierce his right eye.(mind)His arm will become useless, and his right eye completely blind.” Zech 11:17*

You will be attacked in the future, but you will win if you stay with Jesus.
Final battle of Armageddon fought in different places
Fall of Jerusalem: *I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city. Zech 14:2*

Call for repentance**37**“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me. **38**And now, look, your house is abandoned and desolate.[[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+23&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-23930j" \o "See footnote j)] **39**For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Matthew 23:37-39**10**“Then I will pour out a spirit[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Zechariah+12&version=NLT#fen-NLT-23032b)] of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died. **11**The sorrow and mourning in Jerusalem on that day will be like the great mourning for Hadad-rimmon (King Josiah) in the valley of Megiddo. Zech 12:10
*https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b25-LJjrGQA

Valley of Megiddo*. And a mighty shout came from the throne in the Temple, saying, “It is finished!”**18**Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. Rev. 16:16-17

Then the Lord will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. **4**On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. Zech 14:3-4

9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth. **On that day** there will be one Lord—his name alone will be worshiped. 11 And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed. Zech 14:9-10

Zechariah’s message of God’s future promises to His people encouraged them to get back to work and rebuild the temple. The temple was finally completed four years later.

**When we get discouraged we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and remember that one day He is coming back to destroy His enemies and we will live forever with Him. God’s promise of Jesus’ future return gives us hope to press on through difficult circumstances.**

**THROUGH US GOD WILL BUILD HIS CHURCH**

william Cooper 1771 after reading zech. 13:1
Wrote There is a Fountain filled with Blood.