“The greatest teacher, failure is.”

YODA

Yoda says this in The Last Jedi, released in 2017, to a former student who has spent decades hiding from one catastrophic mistake, which is the situation that gives the line its weight.



After Pieter Bruegel the Elder. Landscape with the Fall of Icarus. Royal Museums of Fine Arts of Belgium, Brussels. Public domain.

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CLAIM

Failure is where the real learning happens.

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COUNTERCLAIM

Failure can simply flatten people, and calling it a teacher is easy to say about somebody else’s.

3

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What can failure teach that success cannot?

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STORYTELLING PROMPTS

- Share something you only learned by getting it wrong.
- Talk about a failure that taught you nothing.
- Think about why going back to look is so hard.
- Reflect on what a recent mistake was actually showing you.

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