

Hello, I’m your host, Gene Habecker, President of Taylor University, welcoming you to another edition of “Fresh Perspectives.”

Theodor walked down the busy street of New York feeling like a total failure. In his hand was the source of his troubles. It was a children’s book he had written and illustrated. He believed it to be worthy of print, but 27 publishers disagreed. All he wanted to do now was to destroy the worthless manuscript. His college professor had dropped him as an English major and told him to seek a career other than writing. If only he had listened then, maybe now he wouldn’t be wasting his time.

As Theodor went on his way he ran into an old friend who just happened to be going home from a new job as a children’s book editor. This meeting would be the defining point in Theodor Geisel’s career. He would later go on to write more than 50 books under his well-known penname of Dr. Seuss.

Failure is something everyone faces at least once in his or her life. But if we give up when failure knocks us down, we’ll miss out on what God has planned for us. If Theodor had thrown his book away, he would have missed out on a career that lasted a lifetime. Romans 8:18 states that our current suffering is nothing compared to the glory that God will give us someday. Don’t let your current failures define who you are or what God can do through you. Press on!

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