

My Failure Story

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Failure is like a father, he will not always make you feel at ease, but he makes you feel safe because tomorrow will be better than today.

Failure is like a father, he is strong when you are young and weak, but you will convince him when you grow up and capable enough.

Failure is like a father, he is always there for you, not to help you up immediately when you fall, but to tell you how to avoid making the same mistake again.

Failure is like a father, he is strict almost all the time, but when you overcome difficulties, he smiles.

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Failure is like a father, he will not company you forever, but you will remember him forever.

Failure is like a father, he shapes who you are.



In China, there is a saying that Failure is the mother of success. Every time we fail, our teachers and parents will convince us that failure is not terrible, and no failure no success. I learned it when I am a child, but I couldn't understand it very well. When I grow up, I feel failure is more like a father rather than a mother of success. Mother is compassionate and always warms us and protect us. Failure can be harsh and chastise us, much like a father, but it also provides us with a strong and constant love.

I've always been a terrific student, from elementary school to university, and I always insist on being the best and in all places. Since I was a graduate student, things have changed. I'd gotten into the habit of doing my best with whatever teachers taught me, but I didn't know what to learn on my own. I got lost when I became a graduate student. I simply stay in my office and lose track of time. Supervisor tells me you can read some papers and learn what you want from your seniors. I cannot accept there is no clear task for me. I just learn a little experiment and learn a little software, but I never dive deep into these.

Every action has a reaction. Students who know how to learn independently make progress and adjust to life. They find what they want to research and devote a significant amount of time to it. They are living a fulfilling life. But, as for me, I became even more perplexed.

If you have not achieved success, failure isn't so bad. When you go from peak to low ebb, the suffering doubles. I stop sharing my life on social media because I'm terrified of informing others what a bad life I'm living. I'm becoming increasingly insecure and fearful of learning new things.

One of the things that has beat me most is that in my five years as a graduate student, I have never published a paper, which is one of the most significant things for graduates. I want to make a difference in my life, therefore I applied for visiting students travelling abroad. I'm really concerned about receiving the scholarship results because I know my materials are inferior to those of other students. Fortunately, KAIST and the China Scholarship Council, particularly Professor Kwon, supported me.

When I am in KAIST, I feel embarrassed because I know little about research even though I am in my fifth year of graduate. Failure is like a father, they sometimes make us feel scared when we are coward. But if you have courage to face it, they will assist you in a quiet but powerful way.

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I used to be a haughty girl because of my previous achievement, but after experiencing defeat, I've grown humbler. I think of myself as a freshman, I spend much time to do experiments and read papers every day. A good beginning is half success. I am late but just at the earliest timing to change myself.

From my experience of failure, I learn what I lack and what I should do next step. It is 9 months since I came here, although I have not submitted a paper, but I am preparing for it every day. I am confident that I will get the first paper in the rest of the day here.

In my experience, the sooner you face and conquer failure, the better. You must acknowledge that you have numerous flaws and must make gradual development.

Next, you should keep a strong mind that you will not success in a short time especially you failed so many times. Give ourselves more time and believe that we can do it finally.

The most crucial thing is to take actions! We can not just think and say, we need to take measures. When you are confused, do anything is better than thinking all the time. Starting is the most difficult part, after that, you feel smooth and fluid.

Another important thing is we need to summarize our failures. Successful people are not those who don't make mistakes but those who don't repeat mistakes. Failure is not scaring, but falling at the same spot all the time is the most scaring.

I am just a learner walking in a long way, so I will still experience failure, but I am enjoying the process of conquering it. I hope that everyone who has or is suffering failure can learn from it and grow stronger in the future.

Life is a long journey, please keep patient and modest. Failure is like a father, he is strict but do good things for us.

I am not a poet, so I can just use simple words to express my gratitude to failure.

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