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## Appreciating Failure through the Game of Baseball

During a recent podcast by Matthew Kelly, the topic of failure and baseball was discussed. Given that baseball is heading toward its World Series, or what is commonly referred to as the Fall Classic, I thought this message was timely, as well as so extremely pertinent to our work, family, and relationships.

One of life's greatest lessons is that failure is part of any great achievement. Just as failure is an indispensable part of what made Albert Einstein and Thomas Edison geniuses, failure is part of baseball's genius, too.

Baseball teaches us more about failure than any other sport. With a batting average of .350, you are the best in the world. That means the best in the world fail 65% of the time.

While he was baseball commissioner, Fay Vincent described it perfectly when he said:

Baseball teaches us how to deal with failure. We learn at a very young age that failure is the norm in baseball, and precisely because we have failed, we hold in high regard those who fail less often, those who hit safely in one out of three chances and become star players. I also find it fascinating that baseball, alone in sport, considers errors to be a part of the game, part of its rigorous truth."

Powerful insights. Failure is part of success. Mistakes are part of life.

Let's all keep "failing forward" in all that we do. We will find success along the way.

Have a great week!

