Perceptions, perspectives, and failure

What if I told you the way you think about yourself could change the way you think about failure?

What if I told you the way you think about failure could change the way you think about others?

Step outside the box and into a world where failure is totally an option.
FAILURE
Failure
Faculty  Admin/Staff
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\frac{(x-1)}{6} = \frac{(x+5)}{5}
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So what?

What have we concluded? Most people fail...at something.

Ask J.K. Rowling
“Some failure in life is inevitable. It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all – in which case, you fail by default.”

— J. K. Rowling
Why is this important?

Ask Batman.
Why do we fall, Sir?
So we might learn to pick ourselves up.

-Albert Pennyworth-
And yet...

We stigmatize failure. And those who fail. Including ourselves.

failure

noun

1. lack of success.
   "an economic policy that is doomed to failure"
   synonyms: lack of success, nonfulfillment, defeat, collapse, foundering

2. the omission of expected or required action.
   "their failure to comply with the basic rules"
   synonyms: negligence, dereliction
The bigger the risk - the bigger the fear - the bigger the power of that potential failure to imprint on our lives.
To Be Honest...

I'm scared
Fear kills more dreams than failure ever will.
So why is this important?

Because our perception of failure has everything to do with our perception of ourselves.

And how we view ourselves often has a whole lot to do with how we view others.
Perceptions of failure can be transformed through empathy.
Transform Perceptions

• People are basically strings of failures
• People are there to help each other get up when they have fallen down
• People are there to shine a light on each others grit and perseverance
• Life is a lot like the scientific method.
Things linked to pushing past the fear and the fear failure:

- Innovation
- Entrepreneurial endeavors
- Scientific discoveries.
- Really good chocolate cakes
WHY DO WE FALL?

SO WE CAN LEARN TO PICK OURSELVES UP
Alfred
Why do we fall, sir?
So that we can learn
to pick ourselves up.

Bruce
You still
haven’t given up on me?

Alfred
Never

Batman Begins