

**Opportunity:** Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently. – Henry Ford.

Ford Motor Company is one of the most iconic vehicle brands in the United States and around the world. Its founder, Henry Ford, created an empire that has helped propel the auto industry to this day. What many people do not realize is that Ford Motor Company was Henry's third attempt to start a car business. His two first attempts ended as dismal failures leaving Henry in bankruptcy. Yet despite the setbacks, Henry would use those experiences as opportunities and learn from them. The result, as they say, is history.

**Application:** As a chaplain I am often asked questions like "how do I know what God's will is for my life?" Personally, I believe it is all about open doors and the opportunities that are presented to us. Sometimes, like Henry Ford, our opportunities come about in ways we did not expect or plan on. My encouragement is to not allow your disappointment in failure to keep you from taking advantage of the opportunities you are given. Do your best learn from your mistakes. And most importantly keep moving through the open doors in your life.