Mistakes Were Made

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Nichole Myles, Executive Director, Children’s Museum of the Lowcountry
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Our definition of a mistake:

There was really something lost: resources, time, goodwill, pride. The example should be a bit embarrassing. It should have helped our organizations or us, as professionals, grow in a significant way. Experimentation is, of course, an excellent way to develop new programming and operations, but that’s different from a mistake in this sense.
A mistake is something you learn from...you did it wrong, you’ll do it better next time.

Seth Godin, Author and former dot com business executive
Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping-stone to greatness.

Oprah Winfrey
It’s not how we make mistakes, but how we correct them that defines us.

Rachel Wolchin, The Goodvibe Co.
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A mistake isn’t a mistake if you learn a lesson from it.

Garth Brooks, Singer-Songwriter
If you don’t make mistakes, you’re not working on hard enough problems. And that’s a big mistake.

Frank Wilczek, 2004 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics
A mistake repeated more than once is a decision.

Paul Coelho, Brazilian Lyricist and Novelist
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Forget past mistakes. Forget failures. Forget everything except what you are going to do now and *do it*.

William Durant, co-founded General Motors, Chevrolet & Frigidaire
Mistakes are the portals of discovery.

James Joyce, one of the most influential and important authors of the 20th Century
Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement.

Henry Ford, founder Ford Motor Company