

CONNECT, SERVE, IMPACT: BUT WHAT IF I FAIL? – PART 4

Message Notes

1. WE LEARN MORE FROM FAILURE THAN SUCCESS.

A fundamental shift has occurred.

The Downside of Success

Success can _____ you.

"Then Moses led the people of Israel on from the Red Sea...and were there three days without water. Arriving at Marah, they couldn't drink the water because it was bitter...Then the people turned against Moses. 'Must we die of thirst?' they demanded."
Exodus 15.22-24

Success can _____ you.

The Success Syndrome (The four A's)

- 1.) Arrogance
- 2.) Aloneness
- 3.) Adventure seeking
- 4.) Adultery

2. DON'T FEAR WHAT EVERYONE DOES.

"Dear brothers, don't be too eager to tell others their faults, for we all make many mistakes..." James 3.1 (Living Bible)

"There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake." Ecclesiastes 7.20 (Good News)

3. FAILURE IS NOT FATAL.

"If they fall it isn't fatal, for the Lord holds them with his hand." Psalm 37.24 (Living Bible)

"We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going." 2 Corinthians 4.9

4. RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS OF FAILURE.

To _____ me

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful." Proverbs 28.13 (Living Bible)

To _____ me

"Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20.30 (Good News)

To _____ me

"We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us, they help...develop strength of character..." Romans 5.3-4 (Living Bible)

To _____ me

"...we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God." 2 Corinthians 10.5 (Good News)

5. FAILURE TEACHES ME TO RELAX IN GOD'S GRACE.

"God canceled our debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross." Colossians 2.14 (New Century Version)

"Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace..." Hebrews 12.15 (New Century Version)