



## FAILURE AS DIRECTION

In this video, we discuss how failure may be direction in your life. God may use failure (or perceived failure) as His way of directing us.

### INTRODUCTION (00:00)

In one year, we adopted both our girls, trained people to do our jobs, raise tens of thousands of dollars, and move to a foreign country for a 6-month mission trip. This trip ended up feeling like a failure with one exception, it changed the whole direction of our lives and ministry.

1. *What is a circumstance in your life where you poured time, energy, or finances into that ended up being a failure (or perceived failure)?*
2. *How did this experience cause you to change either how you were thinking or in the direction of your life?*

### REASON #1 WHY GOD DOESN'T SHOW US THE WHOLE STORY: WE MAY QUIT (06:15)

Circumstances that appear too difficult or disappointing to accomplish can make us to feel overwhelmed and inferior causing us to quit or give up.

3. *Have you observed someone give up too soon or quit just before you saw their success? How did this failure or giving up make you feel?*

### REASON #2 WHY GOD DOESN'T SHOW US THE WHOLE STORY: IT'S UNFAMILIAR (06:44)

Circumstances that make us uncomfortable or that we're unfamiliar with can make us feel inadequate or unqualified causing us to not pursue them or see them as viable directions.

4. *What is something difficult you've had to accomplish or learn? How did you accomplish or learn to how to do this thing? How did it make you feel before you succeeded? How did you feel after you succeeded?*

### REASON #3 WHY GOD DOESN'T SHOW US THE WHOLE STORY: YOU'RE NOT YET THE RIGHT PERSON HE NEEDS (07:25)

God designed and created us with passions and abilities. However, He also designed us to grow and mature as people through difficult circumstances. Therefore, our perceived failure in a certain area may be the process by which God trains and equips us to be the person He needs at the end of the story.

5. *How have you seen failure or disappointment in someone's life lead them to their success or fulfillment later in their life?*

### ACTIVATION (09:02)

What in your life currently feels like a failure for what you thought it should be? Release this current circumstance, expectation, and failure to God. Trust that He is in control and has the most fulfilling plan for your life by receiving the truth of His character — He is trustworthy and good and has good for you.