



FAILURE AS SUCCESS

In this video, we define success and what that means for you. We also look at how succeeding can be messy and include mistakes and failures.

INTRODUCTION (00:00)

In our process of developing Cultivate, we've had to shift, pivot, and redirect focus so many times.

1. *What in your life looks completely different than when you started out or had originally planned? This could be your marriage, career, family, schooling, etc.*

JESUS WAS A FAILURE (02:50)

Jesus was questioned, abandoned, and he broke the law — all things that would point to being a perceived failure. However, Jesus only expectation was to do what his Heavenly Father was leading him to do and say.

2. *When was a time that you were doing exactly what you knew to be doing but were accused of being wrong or not good enough? How did this make you feel? How did you respond?*

OUR EXPECTATIONS CAN LEAVE US FEELING UNSUCCESSFUL (04:43)

Our planning and preparation leads to desired or expected outcomes. However, when these go unmet or unrealized, we can feel that we have failed in what we set out to accomplish.

3. *How do you respond (to others or yourself) when something you worked hard for or planned for did not work out how you had planned or expected? What were your thoughts toward God or yourself?*

COMPARING OURSELVES WITH OTHERS CAN LEAVE US FEELING UNSUCCESSFUL (05:33)

Comparing our outcomes to others who appear more successful (by our standards) and judging ourselves by this lack can lead us to believe we are unsuccessful. This comparison steals our joy and ability to see what God is doing or has done.

4. *What is something you have pursued (or desire to pursue) but feel paralyzed or disappointed because you see others appear to be more successful than you or more qualified than you?*

ACTIVATION (09:03)

Consider the answer to these questions as you work through the activation steps: 1) Do I need to amplify or change something so that I can be successful and achieve my desired results? 2) Who do I believe is more successful than me? Why do I believe they are more successful?

- 1) Repent and receive the Father's forgiveness for not trusting God and comparing yourself with others.
- 2) Begin a list of 10 specific wins for which you can celebrate and thank God.
- 3) Release your expectations of success to Him.