

The Treasure Inside

2023 Webinar Series

Failure is not the opposite of success, instead, it is a step on the rung to success. When we believe each failure is taking us further away from success in our lives it impacts our value negatively. When we view each failure as an opportunity to course correct and try again, each failure becomes a step to great success in every part of our lives, like stepping stones in a path.

What is your definition of success?

What is your definition of failure?

What would change for you if you looked at each success as an opportunity to learn from and take one step closer to success?

Albert Einstein stated, "Failure is success in progress." How have you seen this evident in your own life?

How has your view of yourself been affected by success and failure in life?

Expectations

Expectations can cause us to be hyper focused on the results rather than living in the moment. If our expectations are unrealistic and we are unable to meet them, it will breed a sense of constant failure in us, impacting our self worth.

Goals are important for us to continually move forward. There is a difference between goals and expectations. Goals are based on where we want to see ourselves down the road while expectations are a measuring stick that we are constantly being evaluated by. Shifting from living up to expectations into making realistic goals for myself has helped me make strides towards my goals and has allowed me to start realizing my dreams.

Expectations are more task-oriented, whereas goals are more about the big picture. Instead of trying to achieve perfection, you are looking for progress.

How have expectations set you up for failure in the past?

How has this impacted your self worth?

What is something you can do to set yourself up to succeed moving forward?

How would that impact the way you see yourself?

Unique Purpose

Even though all light bulbs provide light, each type of bulb is designed for a unique purpose. You have ones that are for soft light, ones for outdoors, etc. You would not have much success putting a blue Christmas light in a light socket and expect it to provide the right amount of light, nor would you put an LED in a reading lamp by your bed, you would be looking for a softer hue.

Each piece of pottery has a unique purpose. You would not use a bowl to light a room and you would not put water and flowers in a lamp. You would not use a cup as a water jug, or you would be running back and forth a lot! Each of these pieces of pottery were designed and created with a specific purpose in mind, in the same manner as we are.

Why then are we comparing ourselves to others and using them as a measuring stick?

When we do not see our value there are times we keep it to ourselves and hide it away. If no one knows what you are going through it is impossible for them to help.

When you face hard times do you tend to isolate or go to others for help? How has this response impacted your self worth?

The Treasure Inside

The Master's hands clasp the cold clay
He gently places it on the table
The wheel starts spinning
His wet hands ready as the process begins

Once formless, the lump starts to take form
Under the skillful hands of the Master
Each movement allowing a new form to take shape
Each shape thought out and planned before the Master began

The pottery once formed must be fired
The fire is not meant for harm, but to solidify the Master's work
The firing is harsh but necessary, solidly securing each purpose in place
Each imperfection, each nuance, each unique
quality, planned to the greatest detail

While cooling, rest is found
In this rest, the pot is strengthened
Through this strength, it will not be shattered
Once complete, the pot emerges, lacking nothing

The Master carefully examines the masterpiece
His masterful plan fully achieved
Joy fills the workshop, as a smile comes to His face
These words ring out, "It is finished! It is good!"

Displaying the splendour of the Master's hand
Uncertainty crowds in as the Master fades
Each step feeling the distance more and more
Yet a warm glow comes from within

His glory consumes the inside of the pot
Filling every crack, every imperfection, every void
The light visible for all to see
Revealing the very nature of the Master

This treasure captured and contained
Rest overwhelms, as trust is restored
Fulfilled and perfectly at peace
Home has been found

The Master's plan is perfect
Each one has a purpose of their very own
Each one unique, special, one of a kind
Each one with a treasure inside

God spoke truths over me the day I wrote this poem, and they also apply to you.

YOU ARE WORTHY BECAUSE I CHOSE YOU

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD ENOUGH BECAUSE YOU TRUST ME AND MY
SACRIFICE

YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS CHILD, AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE GOOD ENOUGH
BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE

When you doubt if you are good enough let these truths ring out in your heart and mind. God chose you, He gave His only Son for you, and He adopted you as His child. Believe the truth and cling to it when those old limiting beliefs come back to knock on your door. God's love for you speaks volumes about your worth. The Creator of the universe loved you enough to choose you for His very own. This is not a small thing! Embrace it, allow it to penetrate through every belief to the contrary, through everything spoken to you or over you that opposes it. Let it break through every wall that has built itself up and allow it to tear down every stronghold that has kept you captive. It is time for the treasure within to shine brighter than it ever has before!

The world needs to know there is hope, each person needs to know they are valuable! There is not a single pot that the potter created that was set aside in my vision, each one was treasured and precious. I struggled with believing this for awhile and I am certain it is the reason God calls me His precious daughter. You may not have heard Him say it to you, but right now He says you are precious to Him.

Will you believe Him? Even though you know your darkest thoughts and actions, will you believe Him? He saw everything you would say, do and think long before His hand touched the clay and He still calls you precious! Will you believe Him?

Ask yourself what it would take to believe this and walk it out daily?

Once you know this, start asking God for it each day!

We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

1 Corinthians 4:7

YOU ARE SO PRECIOUS TO GOD!

We all have a treasure inside of us what are we going to do with it? Will you bury it and keep it for yourself or share it with others?

“You are the light of the world like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.

Matthew 5:14-15

Activation

HOW GOD SEES US

God sees each of us as precious and He has a specific purpose for us, whether we recognize it or not.

For those struggling to believe that you are precious to God, take the next five minutes to ask God to show you how He sees you.

If you already believe you are precious to God, this is an opportunity to thank Him for calling you precious and ask Him to reveal this in even a deeper way.

4 Keys to Remember

- 01 FAILURE IS SIMPLY A STEPPING STONE ON THE WAY TO SUCCESS, DON'T LET IT IMPACT THE WAY YOU VIEW YOURSELF.
- 02 LIVE YOUR LIFE BY SETTING REALISTIC GOALS RATHER THAN LIVING TRYING TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS ON CONSTANTLY NOT MEASURING UP.
- 03 YOU HAVE A UNIQUE PURPOSE THAT IS SPECIFICALLY FOR YOU AND YOU ALONE. NO ONE ELSE CAN OFFER THAT TO THE WORLD ONLY YOU!
- 04 YOU ARE INCREDIBLY PRECIOUS TO GOD! HE DESIGNED YOU INTRICATELY AND HE KNOWS EVERYTHING YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED AND EVERYTHING THE FUTURE HOLDS.

**THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE WHO CAN'T
SEE YOUR WORTH. DON'T LET IT BE YOU.**

Mel Robbins