



"MY GREAT CONCERN IS NOT WHETHER YOU HAVE FAILED, BUT WHETHER YOU ARE CONTENT WITH YOUR FAILURE."

Abraham Lincoln



Define success....?

- Success is being wealthy.
- Success is having a good family and kids.
- Success is being healthy and enjoying a long life.
- Success associated with monetary and material increase, social status and power, popularity





1 John 2:15–17, worldly definitions are put in perspective for the follower of Jesus:

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever."

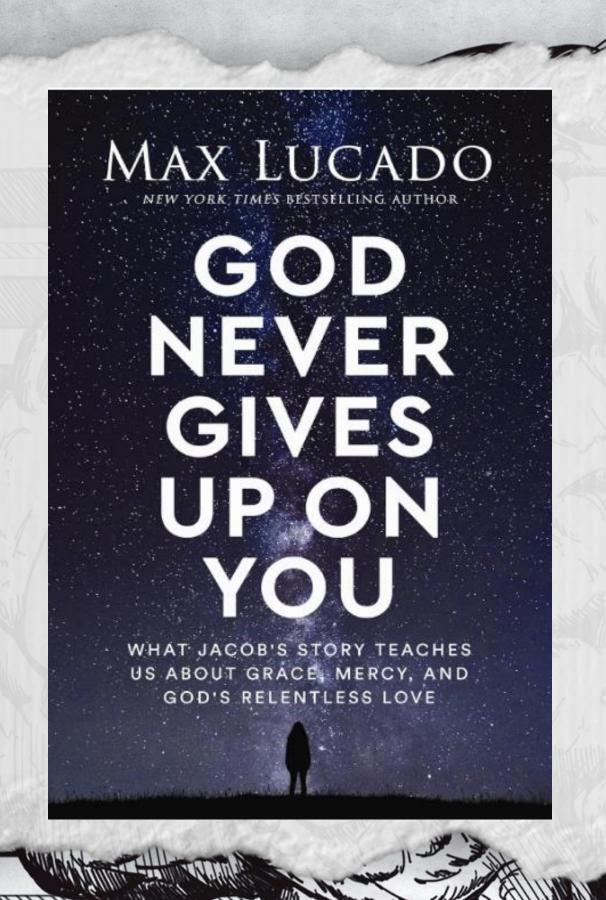


TRUTH: Quote "YOU DO WHAT YOU DO BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU THINK OF YOU"

- We choose the story we believe about ourselves and some of those are lies.
- Even the most successful people can struggle with a sense of failure at times.







understanding strength through weakness,

Shifting Limiting Beliefs FAILURE



MANY PEOPLE LOOKED LIKE A FAILURE BUT GOD HAD A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF THEM:

- John Baptist 18 months of ministry before execution
- Jeremiah 50 years of ministry people didn't listen
- Amos delivered his prophecy against the northern kingdom of Israel and the surrounding nations, leading to resistance from the proud Israelites.
- Philip Acts 8:4-7 Philip told to leave a revival and go to a desert road to reach 1person
- Jesus The cross looked like a failure as most scattered



WHAT IS SUCCESS?

1 Cor 2:6-8 God's different perspective on success and apparent failure...... "they would not have crucified the Lord of glory..."

Biblical success is grounded in obedience to God and glorifying Him

- Romans 13:14
- Galatians 5:16
- 1 Corinthians 10:31



GOD'S DEFINITION OF SUCCESS - DOING GODS WILL

- Doing God's will
- In God's way
- In God's timing



So what is it that brings change? What in our lives needs to happen to allow transformation to occur, to bring change on the inside?

2 Cor 10:3-5 Power to demolish strongholds: How do we demolish strongholds?

v5 WE TAKE CAPTIVE EVERY THOUGHT AND MAKE IT OBEDIENT TO CHRIST



We need to redefine and shift our limited thinking about success & failure, take captive our thoughts to bring it into line with *God's definition of success*:

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WHAT IS SUCCESS IN GOD'S EYES FOR NEW LIFE?

- Multicultural
- Multigenerational
 - Mission Focused

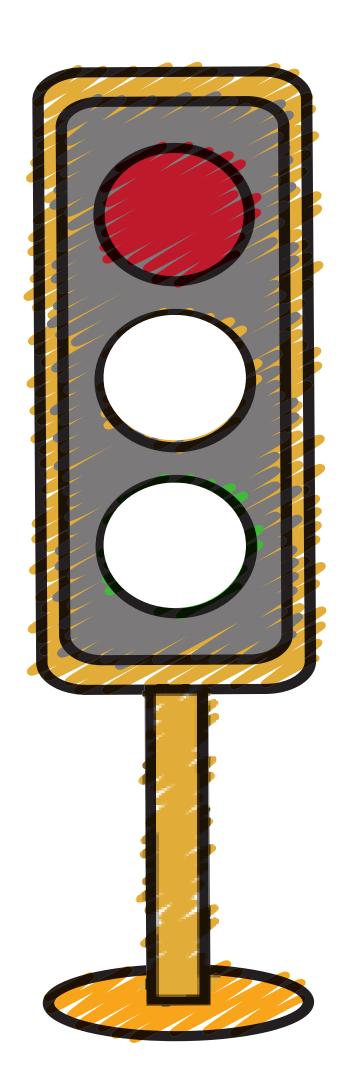


CONCLUSION: NEXT STEPS

Take personal responsibility in this and there are some resources to help you:

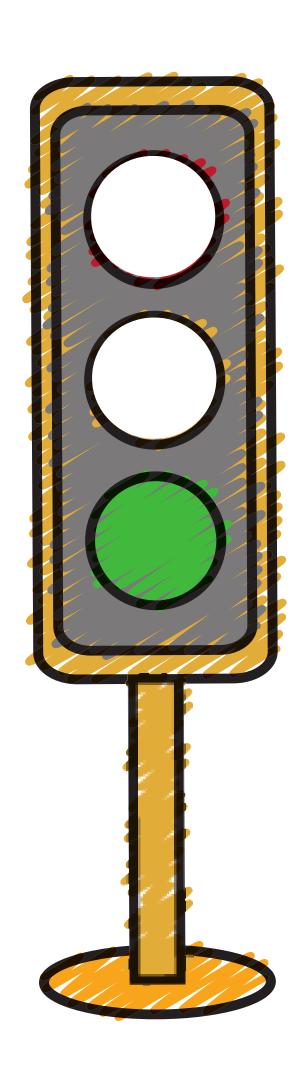
- RightNow Media
- Freedom In Christ Course App
- Stronghold Buster Handout





STOP&START

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OUT OF YOUR LIFE.



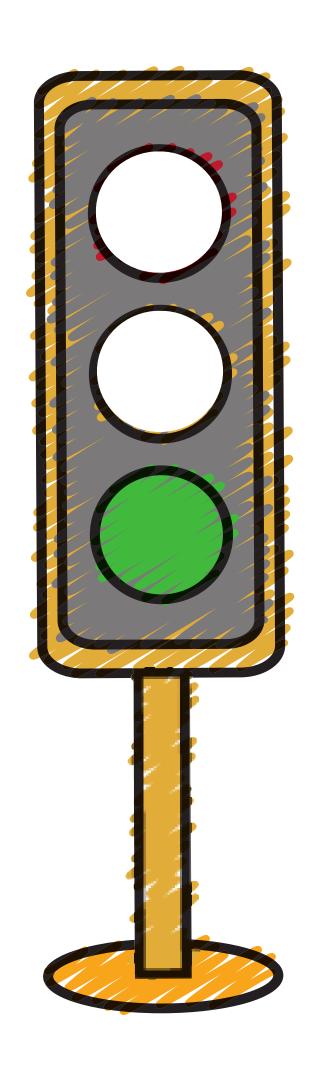
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WRITE DOWN YOUR STARTS -

THE BEHAVIOURS YOU WANT

TO CHANGE

& HABITS TO BUILD



STOP & START

IF GOD TOLD YOU THT HE WOULD MIRACULOUSLY CHANGE ONE THING IN YOU TODAY, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT IT TO BE?

Isaiah 43:19

"For I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."

