

THE WAY OF JESUS

Part Three: ...When You Find Success // Jeff Brodie // May 8, 2022

Our western world loves the pursuit of success. From social media influencers, to brands, to lifestyles, our culture loves a certain image of success. Success is something we all measure in different ways, and it's something we all pursue. Success and failure also have a way of revealing your heart. How do you handle success well? How did Jesus see and handle success?

Scripture: [1 John 2:15-17 NLT](#); [Luke 12:13-21 NLT](#); [Matthew 19:16-26 NLT](#); [Matthew 16:24-26 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: God is more interested in the condition of your soul than the condition of your success.

Getting Started:

1. What stuck out to you most about the message?
2. Why do you think our culture is so wrapped up in celebrity success?
3. Jeff mentioned that success and failure are never emotionally neutral? Do you agree or disagree? Why do you think our emotions are so connected to our success or failure?
4. Can you think of a time that you didn't handle success or failure well?

Discuss:

5. Read [1 John 2:15-17](#). How do you see our world engaging the topic of success in this way?
6. Read [Luke 12:13-21](#). What strikes you about this passage? Where do you see yourself in the parable?
7. The world seems to be more concerned about the condition of our success than the condition of our souls. How so? Why do you think that is?
8. Read [Matthew 19:16-26](#). Where do you see similarities between the world's definition of success and religion's definition of success?
9. If God's desires for us are transformation, why do you think we sometimes see him as being transactional—someone who needs us to perform to earn his favour?

10. Jeff shared how we look at our lives as performance leading to identity and value, but how Jesus gives us value and identity that inspire us to act like him. What thoughts or questions do you have about this? How do you find it challenging or inspiring?
11. Read [Matthew 16:24-26](#). If you look at your life through the lens of Jesus being the one thing that brings true value, how does it change the way you see different areas of your life?

Moving Forward:

"What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" - Matthew 16:26

"A person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."
- Luke 12:21