

In The Process Of Succeeding

The four Gospels show us twelve apostles who stumbled through life from one failure to another. Yes, they did some things right but the Gospel record emphasizes their failures. Then we turn to Acts and see the apostles racing from success to success. Why such a contrast between the Gospel narrative and the Acts record? I think God planned this to show us that we are in the process of succeeding.

We tend to call ourselves a failure when we fail. Apparently, God looks at us very differently. Jesus never referred to the apostles as “failures.” He was there when they failed, but He never referred to them as “failures.”

Jesus understood that failing does not make you a failure!

The act of failing simply proves that you are moving along in life and not yet dead. Dead people are only ones who never fail. Living people commit individual acts of failing without becoming failures.

Jesus sees your life as a process and a process takes time to complete. The process is never destroyed by an event we call “failure.” “Failure” may slow things down or equip us to avoid making the same mistake again.

The apostles’ successes actually depended upon them overcoming their failures. For the child of God, failing serves as a step toward succeeding.

Refuse to ever call yourself “Failure.” Because God is on your side and escorting you through life, you are always in the process of succeeding.