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SESSION 1: RISK AND FAILURE

Quotes

Ask yourself, “Are all my motives pure? Why am I doing the things I’m doing?”

“Manipulation is viewed by God as failure. It's not whether you reached the capital campaign goal or not, it's how you did or did not reach the campaign goal that matters to God.”

“Could it be when we receive praise from people, that God is waving a yellow flag: check your motives, check your heart, why are you doing this anyway?”

Notes

What is failure?

Acceptable failures, e.g. 3rd service doesn't fill up, you go back to 2.
Unacceptable failures, e.g. like marriage failing, or kids dropping out.

The word failure only appears once in the NIV Bible, 1 Thes. 2:1.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

Failure is doing ministry that is empty, characterized by flattery, hypocrisy, greed, seeking the praise of men, manipulating your people, out of impure motives.

Success is defined in the text as, “... with the help of our God, we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition.” (v. 2)

Success is where we create communities where that message [the Gospel] is the center of it all.

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[*Belief Matters: Grappling with the Essentials of the Christian Faith*](#), a book by Pete Briscoe