

This week, Pastor Sasha brings us part 3 of the series "Facing Our Fears." Last time, Pastor Ron told you about the "Fear of Failure" and this time, the subject is the "Fear of Success." Pastor Sasha says that fear is the chief enemy of faith. "Fear" has been called "The Great Immobilizer."

Sometimes success can be feared almost as much as failure. Identifying whether you are being blocked by a "Fear of Success" is difficult. This fear can take on many subtle forms in your life. You may have a "Fear of Success" that finds expression in not finishing what you have begun. You may find yourself always over-committing to excessive endeavors (so that you are unable to complete them and therefore won't succeed). You may suffer from "Perfectionism" (setting unreasonably high standards of performance that results in not succeeding). You may be a procrastinator and routinely put off doing something in a timely manner so that you fail that way. You may blame other people as the reason you cannot succeed. You may avoid success by making excuses. Lastly, you may be avoiding success by staying connected to past disappointments. In each of these cases, "Fear of Success" has you locked down and, as a result, you may be settling for less in your life than God desires for you.

God does not want you to be a victim of the fear of failure. The Father has a great plan for your life and your cooperation is necessary for that to happen. He has designed you to SUCCEED! What can you do to overcome this fear? If you examine your life and find that you have feared success, Pastor Sasha says there are several things that you can do. It helps to "look for Inspiration". If a successful person inspires you, see what kind of a person they are. Can you become more like them? You can "look for success" by seeing what others have done to succeed in their accomplishments. Can you do similarly in your own situation? You can help overcome a fear of success by stepping out and just accepting the challenge to get the job done whether you think you will succeed or not. Being positive about succeeding will always help you overcome a fear of success.

Where will you trust God in your life this week and dare to succeed? What is God calling you to do?