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## Script References

### Introduction

**Alexis:** Hey, everyone. Alexis here with our last video in this session on being faithful to God's call.

Here's the question I want you wrestling with today: How do you measure success?

You're committed to following Jesus - You want to live your life on mission - What are your metrics? How do you know if you're "doing it right"?

I'll give you a hint: The world's ways of valuing success don't line up with God's ways. Instead, I want you to remember: God's mission uses God's measurements.

### Living By God's Metrics

To get a sense of the difference, let's look at the Parable of the Sower in Luke 8:5-8. According to Jesus, the seed in this parable represents the Word of God. Listen to how it goes -

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

Notice how the sower couldn't control what happened after he scattered the seed. In many ways, being on mission is like being the sower. While we may not know when or how our efforts will bear fruit, our role is to faithfully sow the seed of the Gospel, trusting that God will bring forth a harvest in the right time.

You know what that means? It means success is measured by your faithfulness to God's call.

Do a thought experiment with me for a second. Imagine a Sunday school teacher in a little church in your town. She faithfully shows up every week for years teaching kids about Jesus by singing songs and doing arts and crafts. Her life is simple - some might call it boring - but she loves serving those children and their families.

Odds are, this woman isn't going to see all the fruits of her labor. She's not going to know how the seeds of the Gospel she plants will grow up in those kids over the years. But she doesn't need to know because, for her, success is about being faithful to the calling God has given her.

*Take a beat right here and ask yourself, how do you measure success as you follow Jesus? Would you be okay if Jesus called you to a quiet life of service, or are you secretly hoping that everyone will know your name? Ask God to give you his perspective to value the work you do for his kingdom.*

## Three Tips

The world's values are very different from the values of God's Kingdom. If you're not careful, it's easy to get swept away by pride and jealousy. So here are a few tips for being successful according to God's measurements.

1. First, be true to your unique calling.

Only you can walk your path. Don't let what anyone else does cause you to doubt your role in God's mission. As Paul writes in Galatians 5: **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.**

Comparison is a trap - it'll derail you if you let it. Instead, stay true to who God is calling you to be, and celebrate what you see God doing through others.

2. Second, be trustworthy with whatever responsibility God gives you, big or small.

In Luke 16, Jesus says, **"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."**

This is a reminder that your faithfulness isn't determined by the size of your responsibilities or achievements. Even the smallest tasks, when done faithfully for God's glory, hold great value in his eyes.

3. And finally, be faithful to now and open to next.

Trusting God with our role in his mission means serving well in the present, knowing that our actions today will yield fruit in the future.

It's like Paul wrote in Colossians 3 - *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

*Pause the video right here and consider, how is God calling you to serve him in your current context? With what responsibilities has God entrusted you? Write down your thoughts.*

Remember, it's not about worldly success or accolades. It's about being faithful to the call of Jesus in your day-to-day life for the glory of God and the good of others.

So, as Paul put it, *stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:58)*