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— FINDING OUR STORY IN ESTHER —

Life Group Questions: Sabotaging Success

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Read

Esther 3, 5:13, Philippians 4:11-13

Reflect

At one point, Haman was the second most powerful man in the kingdom – his life was a smashing success. The only thing that could stop Haman... was Haman. Have you ever had something that you ruined? It might have been a car or a job or even a relationship. We all have the potential to be our own worst enemy – so how do we avoid sabotaging our own success?

Pastor Josh Surratt gave us four ways that people sabotage their success:

1. Listen too closely to the applause
 - a. Why is applause so attractive? How can it make us lose perspective?
 - b. How can we make sure that we don't "listen too closely to the applause"?
2. Focus on what you don't have
 - a. We are much better at wanting what we don't have, than being thankful for what we do have. When was the last time you were consumed by a desire for something you didn't have?
 - b. Have you ever written out a list of everything that you are thankful for? Try it this week and spend some time thanking God for all of it.
3. Let your emotions make a fool of you
 - a. Can you think of a time when you let your emotions get the better of you? What happened?
 - b. How might the situation have been different if you had stayed in control?
4. Only seek counsel from people who agree with you
 - a. Is there anyone in your life who you trust to tell you the truth, even if it isn't what you want to hear?
 - b. If not, spend some time this week looking for that person – you need them!

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?