

#182 There's No Such Thing As Failure

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You're listening to the My Simplified Life podcast and this is episode number 182. Welcome to the my simplified life podcast, a place where you will learn that your past and even your present. Don't define your future. Regardless of what stage of life you're in, I want you to feel inspired and encouraged to pursue your dreams, simplify your life and start taking action today. I'm your host, Michelle Glogovac, and I'm excited to share my stories and life lessons with you will taking you on my own journey. This is my simplified life. Hey, friends, welcome back to another episode. I'm your host, Michelle Glogovac. Today's topic is one that I wouldn't say is controversial. But it's one that is not often talked about per se. It's around failure. I believe that there's no such thing as failure. Of course, I say that with a grain of salt, because the only time that I believe you can fail, is when you don't try, you don't show up. And this whole topic came about because I have a friend who made the comment to me and to our therapist, because we have a joint therapist, and I know she's listening. She knows who she is. But she said that she admires the fact that I'm never afraid to fail. And then my therapist and I started talking about it. Because I said to her that I don't feel I can fail. I don't fail. And I also don't want to sound like a total Jackass when I say that, because I think that does sound very pompous and Jackass eat for me to say, well, I don't fail, I just don't, because it makes it sound like I succeeded everything that I do. And that's also not the truth. What is the truth is that when an idea or a goal, or something that I need to do comes into my head, I figure out what it is that I need to do to make it happen. And then I start doing those steps to make it happen. And I know that for myself, that if I have educated myself on what it takes to reach that goal, if I have put in every effort that I have to reach that goal to accomplish whatever it is, then I have not failed. I simply have tried and I might pivot along the way. And that's not a failure either. You know, when I started on this journey as a freelancer many, many years ago, and it wasn't podcasting that I started out with, I looked at event planning, and I looked at social media management. And it wasn't that I failed that either of those things I did them, I accomplish them. I made money off of them. But I didn't enjoy them. And I figured out what it is that I did enjoy doing. And then I made those pivots over to podcasting. I learned everything that there was in producing shows in pitching. And once again, I fell in love with the pitching part, not the producing part. So I pivoted some more, I didn't fail at producing shows I produced them, they were top 100 shows I made money once again, it was in finding what I truly love to doing that made me succeed that allowed me to succeed into what the next steps were to grow my

agency to go from a freelancer, as I saw someone put this to go freelancer to solopreneur to agency owner. And that's where I'm at today, when I decided that I wanted to write a book, I didn't just start writing, I researched you know, what is a book coach? How can a book coach helped me what are the ideas I have for writing a book outlining the chapters, I did all of these different things before I even set out to writing the actual book. And then when I wrote the book, it was well, I want to go the traditional published route. If that doesn't work out, it's not that I failed, all self published, I will get the book out. It's making those little pivots and changes that are necessary to reach the goal that you have in mind. Therefore you can't fail. There's no such thing as failure, if you have truly tried your best. I think that those who, quote unquote fail are the ones who aren't trying at all the ones who sit back and think that it's just going to happen, it's going to fall from the sky, the brilliant idea, the hard work it takes to launch a business to run a business to have a team working with you to finding clients. That all takes work, and it doesn't just fall in your lap. So if you go in with the attitude of this is just going to happen. I'm going to get lucky. You know, I'm going to get a book deal. I'm going to create a TV series I'm going to launch a shop, you know a brick and mortar or something of the sort and yet you do nothing to take those steps to initiate your A goal, then you will fail. That's when there is failure. But if you work as hard as you can, and put in all of your love, your intelligence, your strength, your knowledge into whatever it is you're doing, then you can't fail, you will not fail, making a pivot along any kind of way, making a change, making an adjustment doesn't mean that you failed, you can absolutely go a different route and not fail. Because it's not saying that it didn't work out, there's just a different way to go about it. Or you as a human being, have figured out that this isn't really what you love doing. You know, if we said that a pivot equal to failure, then that means that my entire 20 year career was a failure, because I pivoted away from that. And it most certainly was not a failure, I think we all need to recognize that making changes isn't failing at anything, it's becoming smarter. It's recognizing what it is that we want in life, what it is that lights us up, what makes you excited and want to get out of bed in the morning, you know, when I'm on vacation, and I'm not working air quotes again, here. I miss it, I miss having that interaction, I love what I do, I truly, truly love it. And hopefully that comes across in every interaction that people have with me to see that I truly enjoy what I do. And to me, that means success. Because I found what I love doing. And I've seen the quotes about when you love what you do, then the money will come. And I do believe that. I think that, you know, when you go into something you might not be able to see right in front of you how you can make money, doing whatever it is that you love. You know, sometimes that's hard to recognize and put the two together because of whatever it is that you love, you know, maybe it's knitting, you love to knit, like knitting lights you up. So how is it that you can monetize that there are ways you know, maybe you've created a course about knitting, you can bring networks of people together, you know, knitting for causes, there's always something that can be done to monetize whatever it is that you truly love doing, if it's all about needing to make that money. And this is in regards to you know, what your job is, what your business is, and what makes you happy. Because we all need those financial gains, we can't just live off of nothing at all. So to be able to find what you love and succeed net, and then make money in it is a huge, huge success. But it's not all about the money that I'm talking about when we're talking about success and failure. It's really about going after a goal and achieving it but not being so tied to that goal, looking exactly the way that you think it needs to look. Because it can come in different shapes and sizes. You know, what is the goal is the goal related to your job and your finances? Is the goal related to you know, losing weight is the goal related to how you are putting your daily routine together. There's so many different goals that we can have. And if we approach each of them with educating ourselves on what is it going to take, what's each step that is included in the process to reach that goal? How can we approach each one, ensuring that we accomplish it? This is what sets us up for success. If you say you know I want a daily routine that encompasses getting up at 5am. And I want to have my coffee and I want

to meditate and do all of these things, then that's going to start with a setting your alarm at 5am and not hitting snooze. But if you do hit snooze, then what is it that made you need to sleep in past five? You know, what are these little steps and pivots that you need to make to accomplish that step one, is it that you should have gotten to bed a little bit earlier? Is it just the simple fact that you need to push yourself out of bed, have your clothes ready, set the coffee to go off by itself. I do this every morning I make the coffee in advance. There's an awesome delay setting on my ninja brew. And at 550. In the morning, the coffee starts brewing so that when I come down at six, it's ready. That's success. If you do these little things that you're going to succeed but maybe along the way of your your daily routine, you discover that you are just simply not a morning person. You're a night person. You prefer to stay up until midnight and to sleep in until seven then why not change some of those morning habits and make them nighttime habits. Because if you do this, then you're going to ensure that you don't fail in incorporating whatever it is you want it to in your daily routine. You want it to meditate, but meditate Meeting doesn't have to happen at five in the morning, neither does journaling. So I think that when we go into looking at these new routines, or whatever it is, we get rigid in our thinking of it has to be done this certain way, when it really doesn't, you don't have to come right out of college and land a book deal. You don't have to come out of college and have you know, your entire life set out in front of you with whatever corporate job it's going to be. Because chances are, the job that you ended up having might not have even existed when you were in college. Mine certainly didn't. podcasts were only around for 20 years in college, I graduated right around when they started launching. So what I do now wasn't even an option back then. So did I fail? Certainly not, I would say I succeeded. But it's in my approach and how I got to where I am, that makes me feel like there's no such thing as failure. I know that there's the common quote or saying of we have to let people fail, but then there are our kids fail. But then that means that we're also not arming them with the knowledge of what it takes to not fail. So you know, allowing your child to go play on the playground, and you don't want them to fall down and get hurt or, you know, climbing the wrong way on the slide. I'm just thinking of all the different ways that you know, we say, Oh, well, we got to let them fail somehow, like they didn't turn in their homework, or they forget their homework. But what are we doing for our children to set them up for success? Are we instilling those values and that knowledge of this is what you need to do in order to not get hurt on the playground in the first place? This is what you need to do to remember your homework, you know, did you start them on that morning routine of This Is What Happens every morning in your backpack has to be packed. And we're going to leave out the door at a certain time. We're a family of routine. So the kids know that backpacks are actually packed the night before. This sets them up for success. Even when they don't realize it, it is still up to them to put their homework in their backpack. But it's been instilled in them to show them that this is how it's done. So now you get to do it. Therefore, they're not going to fail. They can't fail because they know they have the knowledge and the experience. And they've been educated on what it takes to succeed and remembering their homework. Therefore, we can let them quote unquote, fail on their own. But if we've already set them up to succeed, then they won't fail either. Therefore, there's no such thing as failure. Everyone has to just simply try. Try your hardest to put your best foot forward and you will not fail. I feel like this is a soapbox. I'm getting all right. I truly truly believe this because I think failure so negative, it just it makes you feel down like what if I try this and then it just it bombs, but it's not going to bomb. If you try your hardest if you make sure that you have everything you need to know in place ahead of time, you will not fail no matter what the outcome is, no matter which way you turn left or right you go 45 degree angle instead of a 30 degree angle, you will not fail. I promise you. So I say all of this because I want you to go out and chase those dreams, chase whatever it is that you want to do, because you can do it. If you get that nudge inside of you to go after something. You are fantasizing about writing that book and start it

because you won't fail. There's no such thing as failure. You're going to succeed. You might hit some bumps along the way. You might make some changes and some pivots along the way. But if you give it your all, you are going to succeed at every single thing that you do