

Your Internal GPS

The Oprah Winfrey show was number one in our time slot for 21 years, and I have to tell you I became pretty comfortable with that level of success. But a few years ago I decided, To end the show and launched OWN, the Oprah Winfrey Network. So one year later after launching OWN, nearly every media outlet had proclaimed that my new venture was a flop. It really was this time last year the worst period in my professional life.

This is What I want to share. It doesn't matter how far you might rise. If you're constantly pushing yourself higher, higher, the law of averages-not to mention the Myth of Icarus-predicts that you will at some point fall. And when you do, I want you to know this, remember this: there is no such thing as failure. Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction.

The challenge of life, I have found, is to build a résumé that doesn't simply tell a story about what you want to be, but a story about who you want to be. It's a résumé that doesn't just tell a story about what you want to accomplish but why. A story that's not just a collection of titles and positions but a story that's really about your purpose.