

Title: What is your own personal "why"?

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What would it mean for you personally to see your dreams realized with this play? Of course we all want to retire, see free and fair markets, and do great things for others, but what is your own deep down drive that keeps you running for the prize?

For me, it's the validation of not just "being right", but I want to finally see something that I pursued work out the way I had intended it to.

I spent almost 2 decades trying to pursue a music career. It's not an easy thing, and the odds are always stacked against you, but it was my passion. I did have some great times playing shows, touring, and met wonderful people and made a lot of great memories, but it never got beyond a local/regional level, and that's ok. Not everyone can be a big rock star. But I sure wanted to be.

A few years into all that, already realizing that I probably wasn't going to be a big star, but still loving and pursuing music and being in bands, I got into corporate tech sales with some of my friends, since I actually needed to start worrying about making money. I was successful in short spurts, but eventually my personality issues butted heads with leadership for wanting to do things my own way, and since I was just naturally rebellious and obstinate and did not seem to be able to fall in line, I always managed to self sabotage every chance I got, no matter how hard I tried to just "play the game". I couldn't ever do it.

Fast forward 16 years, and I am now in my 37th job since finishing college (started an entry level position 3 weeks ago), and many of my friends who I was peers with when we started out selling are now regional directors, and a bunch of other high level execs making WAY more money than me.

Money, prestige, status doesn't mean happiness, but in my case, I feel bad because I am watching them see the fruits of a pursuit carried out to it's end- their career goals, while I continually kept metaphorically crashing the car, having to start over. And these were all people I was routinely beating in competition while we were peers.

Honestly, I'd hate the pressure they are under, and wouldn't last in those roles anyway, but I'd still like to buy a house and it's still hard not to compare myself to them or feel "less than" because I have struggled so hard in the working world.

(Think Walter White in Breaking Bad when he meets up with his old business partners that he sold to before they made it big)

I still love my friends, they love me, and nobody treats me like a "less than". It's a struggle with seeing myself that way and feeling like I've failed.

At the end of all this, I don't just want the validation of being right, but I actually want to see something I believed in/pursued work out exactly as I had hoped without falling short, and being able to change my life and the lives of others because of it would mean so much.

That's my "why". What's yours?