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We need this message right about now...

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Do we lead off our conversations with failure?

Where in your life are you needing a win?

Maybe we all could use a win, am I right?

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