In the novel Losing Joe’s Place by Gordon Korman, the theme “success can be found when you pursue your talents and passions” is developed by the examples of Jason and the D-Lishus Cake Mix and Rootbeer and his hobbies.

This theme is developed by Jason and his cake mix dessert. In the novel, Jason buys the cake mix when he begins cooking for everyone, but ends up eating the cake mix. Jason eventually takes running the deli from Plotnik, when he is injured and in the hospital, and when he does, he put the cake mix dessert on the menu. Everyone loves the dessert and the business gets an overhaul as a result of all the customers. This example helps to develop this theme because by following his interests in cake mix and his talent for cooking, Jason ends up running a successful business. The Olympiad Delicatessen is a much more successful business with a lot of customers, and Jason makes a lot of money in tips, because he started making the cake mix dessert. This example of Jason and the cake mix helps to explain how this theme is developed in the novel.

This theme is also developed by Rootbeer and his hobbies. In the novel, Rootbeer has hobbies to avoid executive burnout. Some of his hobbies include stamp collecting, photography, chemistry sets, blowing bubbles with gum, and playing the harmonica and the harp. Jason asks Rootbeer to do his hobbies at the deli, and this leads to a national tour of him as a comedian. He also uses his strength to earn money for the boys when they need rent, for example when he is hit by the 2 X 4. This example helps to develop this theme because all of Rootbeer’s hobbies lead to him being a famous comedian and getting a tour. This also helps to develop the theme, because Rootbeer can make money, using his own strength for wrestling, biting tires, being hit by a 2 X 4, and lifting hydro poles. Rootbeer uses his own hobbies interests to become famous, and his strength to make money. This example of Rootbeer helps to explain how this theme is developed.

The examples of Jason and Rootbeer demonstrates this theme in the novel Losing Joe’s Place.