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STRETCHING MY IMAGINATION 50 DAYS OF FAITH

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Part 2 of 8

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Cor. 2:9 (NLT)

God’s dream for your life is mindboggling.

“With God’s power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we could ask or imagine.” Ephesians 3:20 (NCV)

One of the greatest gifts God has given you is imagination.

Napoleon said: “Imagination rules the world.”

Einstein said: “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

IMAGINE HOW GOD CAN USE YOU

Joshua 1:1-11

1. YOU MUST LET GO OF DOUBT

Doubt is a great enemy of God’s dream for your life.

- Doubt limits your potential.
- Doubt causes you to miss God’s best
- Doubt causes procrastination.

“Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind ... They should not think they will receive anything from the Lord.” James 1:6-7 (NCV)

The Example of Joshua – Joshua 1

In Joshua 1, four times God says, “be determined and confident.”

“Be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 (LB)

Banish means: to get rid of
eliminate
put it out of sight

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dump it

If God is going to use you, the first thing you have to do is dump your doubts.

I don't understand the logic of this but a lot of people believe their doubts and doubt their beliefs.

WHAT CAUSES US TO DOUBT?

- Comparing my abilities causes me to doubt my abilities.

"It is dumb (stupid) to compare yourself to other people." I Cor. 10:12

- Remembering my failures causes me to doubt my abilities.

God says: "I don't care where you've been. What really matters is the direction your feet are headed right now."

2. YOU MUST LOOK FOR A PROMISE.

13 times in the book of Joshua the word "promise" is used.

"I promised Moses that I would give you this land. So I will give you every place you go in the land." Joshua 1:3 (NCV)

"Now my time has come to die and every one of you knows that God has given you all the good things that He promised. Every promise He has made has been kept. Not one has failed." Joshua 23:14 (GN)

GOD'S PROMISE TO MEMORIZE THIS WEEK:

"With God's power working in us God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20

THREE PROMISES TO THOSE WHO LIVE FOR GOD

1. Strength Joshua 1:5 *"No one will be able to stand against you."*
2. Success Joshua 1:7 *"You will be successful."*

Definition of success: Knowing the will of God and doing it.

3. Support Joshua 1:9 *"I will be with you wherever you go."*

God's word done God's way will not lack God's support.

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Answer this question: How has my faith grown in this 50 Days of Faith?

“Always remember what is written in this book, study it day and night to be sure to obey everything that’s written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything.” Joshua 1:8 (NCV)

Notice: God’s promise of success is not based on your ability. It’s based on your commitment to His word.

3. YOU MUST LEAN ON THE LORD.

You let go of doubt, you look for a promise and you lean on the Lord.

Leaning is much more than just believing. It means depending on Him.

“No one will be able to defeat you all your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forget you.” Joshua 1:5 (NCV)

You lose your fear when God is near.

Question: Who or what are you leaning on for strength?

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight.” Prov 3:5,6 (NAS)

4. YOU MUST LAUNCH OUT IN FAITH.

“Then Joshua issued instructions to the leaders to tell the people to get ready to cross the Jordan River.” Joshua 1:10-11 (LB)

Question: What is your Jordan River?

Courage isn’t the absence of fear. It’s moving ahead in spite of fear.

You’re never too old to make the rest of your life the best of your life, to launch out in faith.

“If you wait for perfect conditions, you’ll never get anything done!” Eccl. 11:4 (LB)

“God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.” Eph. 3:20 (Mes)

If you are not being used by God, what in the world are you doing with your life?

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