

WIN THE DAY



FLIP THE SCRIPT

If you want to change your life, start by changing your story.



KISS THE WAVE

The obstacle is not the enemy; the obstacle is the way.



EAT THE FROG

If you want God to do the super, you've got to do the natural.

Fly the Kite



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vs. 8 Then another message came to me from the Lord: 9 "Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of Heaven's Armies has sent me.
NLT

- **If you do little things like they're big things, God will do big things like they're little things**
- Here's the bottom line: How you do anything is how you'll do everything. If you're faithful with a little, you will be faithful with a lot.
(The 3 Faithful's – Luke 16:10-12)

- How many of us have a dream? Not just any dream, a big dream, a God sized dream!
- Someone once said, “ Show me the size of your dream, and I’ll show you the size of your God.”
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
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Destruction, Rebuild, Exuberant Joy, Loud Wailing, Opposition

- Zechariah 4 and Ezra

Ezra 3:8-9

Ezra 3:10-13

Ezra 4 - Opposition to rebuilding the temple

- **Would you be tempted to give up?**

Ezra 5:1-2 At that time the prophets Haggai and Zechariah son of Iddo prophesied to the Jews in Judah and Jerusalem. They prophesied in the name of the God of Israel who was over them. 2 Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Jeshua son of Jehozadak responded by starting again to rebuild the Temple of God in Jerusalem. **And the prophets of God were with them and helped them.**

Zechariah 4:1-10

- 6 Then he said to me, "**This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.**
- But God doesn't call the qualified. God qualifies the called.
- **The Holy Spirit is the difference between the best you can do, and the best God can do.**
- **Ephesians 3:20-21** Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

vs. 7 Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!'" (***“What are you, mighty mountain?”***) NIV

There comes a moment when you stop talking to God about your mountains, and you start talking to the mountains about your God.

Every prayer has to meet a two-fold litmus test—it has to be in the will of God and for the glory of God.

If God did it before, He can do it again

- He is still the God who makes sidewalks through the sea.
- He is still the God who makes the sun stand still.
- He is the God who turns water into wine.
- He is still the God who moves mountains.

- You flip the script, Habit #1, by speaking to the mountain. You play offense by exercising your authority. You declare the will of God, the glory of God.
- You've also got Habit #2, kiss the wave. The obstacle is not the enemy. The obstacle is the way. You don't go around the mountain. By faith, God will get you to the other side. And you'll be a bigger person, a better person because of it.
- It's Habit #3, eat the frog. It's those high leverage habits that have a domino effect over time. If you want God to do the super, you have to do the natural.
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Three keys to kite flying.

Some of you have been dreaming of this, that, and the other things for years.

- The question that needs to be asked and answered! Do you feel like it's something God is calling you to do? If it's not, it's going to be really hard.
- If it is, delayed obedience is disobedience.

1. Give yourself a start date.

- Excuses:
 - I'm not qualified
 - I'm not ready
 - I'm waiting for the right situation

2. Go ahead and dream big but start small. And think long.

- You have to remind yourself of what you're doing and why you're doing it.

3. If you want every day to count, count the days.

- If you want to break records, you need to keep records. You've got to measure what matters. If it's not measurable, it's not manageable.

Conclusion

-look what the Lord has done! In the words of prophet Zechariah, “Don’t despise the day of small beginnings.”
- We think right here, right now. God is thinking nations and generations.
- We think what God has for us is for us, but it’s always for the third and fourth generation.
 - We overestimate what we can do in a year, but we underestimate what God can do in 25

Dream BIG but start small:

- Give yourself a start date. You can’t finish what you don’t start!
- Do it for a day and then the next day and the day after!
 - You need an uncompromising commitment to continual improvement. It’s little by little.
- Long obedience in the same direction.
 - You have to find a way to fly the kite a little higher every day.
- And if you want every day to count, you count the days.
 - Celebrate even the small victories or accomplishments
- There are decades when nothing happens, and there are months when decades happen.

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