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*"TO ALL WHO RECEIVE GOD'S SON, JESUS, GOD GIVES THE RIGHT TO BECOME HIS CHILDREN. ALL THEY NEED TO DO IS TO TRUST HIM TO SAVE THEM. EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES THIS IS REBORN IN SPIRIT." JOHN 1:12,13*

### **GOD BUILDS OUR FAITH BY GIVING US A DREAM**

- Faith is like a muscle: it can be strengthened. It can be weak or it can be strong, depending on how much we use it.
- The first thing God does to build our faith is to give us a dream. When God wants to work in our lives, he'll always give us a dream – about ourselves, what He wants us to do, and how He's going to use our lives to impact the world.
- The Bible gives many examples of this:
  1. God gave Noah the dream of building an ark.
  2. God gave Abraham the dream of being the father of a great nation.
  3. God gave Joseph the dream of being a leader that would save his people.
  4. God gave Nehemiah the dream of building the wall around Jerusalem.
- If a dream comes from God, it will be so big in our lives that we can't do it on our own. If we could do it on our own, we wouldn't need faith.
- God starts to build our faith by giving us a dream. He may be speaking to some of us now, but we just don't recognize it for what it is.
- The dream, the concept, the thing you've been thinking about doing that would be of real benefit to other people. That idea came from God.
- God will never tell us to do something that contradicts His truth. Dreams that come from God are in harmony with His laws.
- God starts with a dream as He works in our lives to build faith. RICK WARREN

***"Now glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes." Ephesians 3:20***

***"Oh Jesus have mercy on us and do something if you can. If I can?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if you have faith." Mark 9:22b, 23***

### **SECRETS TO LEADERSHIP**

The secrets to leadership aren't secrets at all. They're lessons and ideas and strategies most of us already know but ignore:

1. It's not about you – Take the Apollo 13 approach of no solo heroes when the spacecraft was stranded. It was all about the team and results.
2. Listen more than you talk – Start listening to your customer, client, vendor, supervisor, boss, competitor ... the answer is there.
3. Simple is better than complicated – When you face a tough situation try the simple truth.
4. Open your mind to let ideas in – Practice reading, questioning, research.
5. Ignore titles, especially your own – They are not measures of your worth.
6. Hire someone smarter than you – Use the Eisenhower approach.
7. Mean what you say – Be tough and challenging but not unfair.
8. Don't look backward – there's nothing there
9. Everyone has a boss, even the boss – Derive your satisfaction from the work you do. JAMES DALE – LEADER TO LEADER

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you. WILLIAM WARD

Life is a great obstacle course, with bends and turns, wins and losses. When you get to the high jump, always remember to throw your heart over the bar – and the rest will follow. MICHELE LEONARD

How do you identify someone who needs encouragement? That person is breathing. TRUETT CATHY – *FOUNDER CHICK-FIL-A*

When I really want to get to know someone I ask him or her three questions: (1) What do you dream about? (2) What do you sing about? (3) What do you cry about? When I hear their answers I can begin to understand them. JOHN C. MAXWELL

*In this world you will have many troubles and sorrows, but be brave! I have defeated the world. John 16:33*

## **ADVERSITY**

Sometimes motivation comes in the form of hard knocks and hard blows. You face roadblocks and some really tough experiences. This causes some to fold up and give up. But for others trouble is an incentive that motivates to harder thinking and harder working.

Someone asked J.C. Penney the secret of his success. *"I would never have amounted to anything had I not been forced to come up the hard way."*

William Ward said it well: *"Adversity causes some men to break: others to break records."*

William Shakespeare told us that *"Sweet are the uses of adversity," because he knew it to be a motivational force that lifts strong people to higher levels*

Col Harland Sanders once told a friend of his: *"What a romance of motivation it is that drives a failure at sixty-five to become a world-famous financially successful American at age eighty."*

## **PACESETTERS / 2020**

APPLYING BIBLICAL TRUTH FOR VICTORY  
TOAY AND OPPORTUNITY TOMORROW

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Next Sunday – Hal Poe

**JESUS': CALL TO RENEWAL**

MULTI-GENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

9:15 COFFEE/GOODIES

9:30 PRAISE WITH FRIENDS

9:45 LIFE AS DESIGNED BY GOD