



WEEK ONE: **DON'T MISS YOUR TURN**
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1 Samuel 17:48-51 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead....

- To get the benefit of the lesson without the burden of the regret. "Pregret"

Sometimes your _____ leads to your _____

God _____ who man _____

1 Samuel 16:11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

- You can not disappoint what God has appointed.

It's our _____ but God makes us wait our _____

1 Samuel 17:17 Now Jesse said to his son David, "Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp.

- David would have missed his turn if he didn't obey. Will you obey in the simple things?

God wants to use you right where you _____ with what you _____

We MUST stand together

BLANKS: DISAPPOINTMENT, DESTINY, SELECTS, REJECTS, TIME, TURN, ARE, HAVE

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1. RECOGNIZE THE SIMPLE THINGS

I guess what I mean is that we should see significance in a lot of daily things that don't at all seem significant at the time. I guess it is called "potential". If you dedicate your life, your day, your commute, your job, meetings, coffee breaks, conversations with your kids, fellow students, neighbors, etc. to God, He will continue to bring you opportunities in all of those. We should recognize that.

2. APPRECIATE THE SIMPLE THINGS

Even we decide we're going to walk through and open our eyes to recognize their significance, it doesn't mean that we always appreciate it. When God puts you in a place to carry out a task either small or big, we don't always embrace it. Often it's an inconvenience. It's going to require something of us. Immediately when someone or something comes in our view that we know we should act upon, just say that two word prayer immediately. Even if your heart isn't there yet, give thanks. "Thank you". Thank God that when you dedicate your life and your day to Him. He makes even the simple things in your life significant. What a gift. Be thankful.

3. BE OBEDIENT IN THE SIMPLE THINGS

Ah, here we go... this pretty much the whole teaching for me anyway. As David was told to take the food to his brother that day, because he was obedient, it led to a huge victory for Israel. Of course not every simple thing when we are obedient will bring this kind of fruit, but sometimes it will. And often times, the victory doesn't come for a long time. We recognize that opportunities will come at any time. We are thankful when they present themselves, and we are obedient and consistent. It begins to define who we are. What a story God gave us and what a great teaching from Pastor Furtick!





PART TWO: FACE THE FIGHT

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2TIMOTHY4.6&7

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

_____ IT

The only way to feel like you aren't fighting in life is to have no care, concern or cause in your life.

_____ PRAY

LUKE 22.42&43

"Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.

POWER THROUGH WITH _____

ACTS5.40&41

They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go. The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.

BLANKS: FACE • FERVENTLY • FAITH

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NEXT STEPS

1. COMMIT YOUR FIGHT TO GOD

Take your fight to God. Pray. Ask Him, "Do you want me in this fight? Am I fighting this as I should? Could you help me see how to fight this?" Pray for the win that best serves Him and others.

2. STAY STRONG

Don't give up the good fight. Your prayers, your studying of the scriptures and your godly friends will help you discern what the good fight is for you. Once clarified, expect it to be challenging. Don't be caught off guard. You're in a fight. You will have joys in victory along the way. You'll also have pain, fatigue and fear. Don't allow your confidence to rest on the bleak outcome you sometimes think you see. We don't get to see outcomes and your opponent will do everything he can to assure you that the outcome will be your loss.

The difference between a win or loss is the strength of our faith and the diligence of our training.