

Discover Your Destiny!

Growing Your Seed of Greatness

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INTRODUCTION

This book is written in hopes of stirring up the gifts, talents, abilities, dreams, plans, and purpose that God has waiting for you. You might feel that you are doing well now, but God needs you to step into the fullness of your destiny. I believe this is a divine appointment. Have you found yourself recently asking questions like Why am I here? Does God have a purpose for me? Is there more to life than this? Is God real? These are healthy questions for reaching and growing in the land of our destiny. When you ask this sincerely from your heart, the answers that will come will change your life forever!

One question I ask people quite often is, 'If you knew you only had a few months to live, how would your life change?' Most of the time they will think a minute, then tell me what they would rather be doing instead of what they are doing. The truth of the matter is that life has no guarantees. Why does it usually take a tragedy to get peoples' attention? It often takes bad news for people to stop being a spectator in life to becoming an active participator in chasing their God-given destiny.

When we are spectators in life, we just seem to exist. There is no purpose to pursue. We get into a rut. Life becomes routine and our dreams become nightmares. There just isn't that same excitement or fire we once had. Go back in time and think about all the dreams, goals, and ideas you've had. When those thoughts originally came into your head, a passion accompanied them. But you got busy with life and filed them away in your "one day" memory. Or, perhaps recently you have been inspired to begin a business, ministry, or pursue a long-awaited dream, but now it looks like it all might be put on hold. God has a message for you today. Your "one day" has arrived.

Friend, if you are not careful, you will quit dreaming because your subconscious will say, why bother? This book is designed to inspire, encourage and direct you to living your dreams. Everything you have ever desired to be and dreamed you could be, will happen IF you are willing to let God drive you to your destiny. God never created you and me to sit back and be spectators. When you stop dreaming, you rob the world of God's gift to the world – YOU! This is your time in life. When you search for your Destiny with all your heart, mind, and soul, you will embark on a journey that eyes have not seen, and ears have not heard. You become an active participator in life. You become a tool of God. Are you ready to Discover your Destiny?

FOREWORD

In 1998, I reached a point in life that was painful. By the world's standards, I was a success. I had a great business, was respected by my peers, and was making a good income. But I was miserable inside. I was in a hotel room in Atlanta, Georgia, on my way back from a conference. It was a morning that changed my life forever. I reached a point of desperation. I was desperate for God to show me something. I will never forget what happened. I yelled, "Lord, I hate this! I want to know what this is all about. Why am I here? Why do I feel this way?"

As fast as I said this the answer came. It wasn't an audible voice, but something inside me said, *"Now that I have your attention, if you will listen to Me, I will show you what you were created for. I will show you your purpose in life. I will show you great and mighty things. But I need you to pursue Me with all your heart, mind, and soul. Then after I show you your destiny, you are to go and teach others how to discover their destiny – My plan for them. You will be part of raising a generation that is on fire for Me."*

Well, my life has never been the same. I gave up my quest for fame and fortune and began to chase my destiny; to live the life I was created for – and I've found it!

It's an awesome feeling to be a part of helping individuals just like you to step up to the next level God has planned for you! I don't care what you have been taught or where you are now in life – God has more for you! God wants to put a fire in you that will have you changing the world in which you live. A world in which dreams come true, prayers are answered, and you will be used in a mighty way. The only requirement is that it is all about God, and not you. He wants all the credit and the glory. The

more you put God first, the more he will put in you. Friend, this is the greatest time to be alive in the body of Christ. I truly believe we are going to do and see things that will show the world that God is real. Jesus Christ is the hope and salvation of a hurting world! I pray one prayer quite often: “Lord, let me be put in contact with people You are going to use.” Guess what? You are reading this, so God is wanting to do something in YOUR life. Enjoy, pursue, and be blessed!

In His Love,

Ron Meyers

CHAPTER 1

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

Before you can move into the land of your destiny – the land in which your dreams are fulfilled, you must ask yourself a few questions:

Where am I in life?

What don't I like about my life?

What do I want different?

If I could change one thing, I would...

Be honest with yourself, you say you want to change, but do you? Do you really want to live the life that God created you to live? I know you say you do as many say they do; but, when it comes time to make the choices that God wants them to, they won't do it. Are you willing? As I am sure you do also, they have fears: fear of failure, fear of the unknown, and fear of what others think. If something inside you didn't want something to change, you probably wouldn't be reading this book.

Far too many people let other people control their dreams and their destiny by worrying about what other people think. How many times have you been excited about an idea or something, only to have someone throw cold water on the fire? Soon the fire goes out, and the dream dies. Soon you say to yourself, "Oh well, that's life, I guess it wasn't God's will." That, my friend, is one of the biggest lies the enemy will ever throw at you. It's time to say, "This is my time!" It's God's will for you to move forward in life.

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you do not know.

--Jeremiah 33.3 ESV

How do you see God using you? I'm going to ask you this again a little later, but if you could live your life based on your hopes, dreams, desires, and talents, right now, today, how would it look?

**Today's choices form your tomorrow;
Tomorrow's choices form your future!**

Did you know when you stop dreaming, you rob the world of one of God's Gifts? **You!** The greatest tragedy today is Christians just existing. They are tired and burned out. The world has beaten them up and their "get up and go has got up and went." They are robbing the world of the gifts God has placed in them. And they are robbing themselves of the joy and prosperity in all areas of life, which come from serving God.

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

--3 John 1:2 NKJV

Take a minute and write down what you really would like to do if you could:

This is the time to take control of your destiny. No more listening to whining, complaining, negative people. You have a God-given destiny, and he is the only one that can reveal it to you. God is for you and not against you. He will always encourage and inspire you. You are God's creation and he created you for greatness! He needs you to become the hands and feet of Jesus so you can help others.

Let me tell you a story:

LITTLE JOHNNY



Little Johnny was a boy every parent would be proud of. Little Johnny would run home from school and tell his mom and dad about the Martians he had talked to. He would tell them of this trip to the

moon. His mother would quickly jump in and say, “Johnny, where do you come up with all this nonsense? Why can’t you be like your brothers and sisters and tell normal stories?”

Little Johnny also loved to paint. He did not paint like the other children. He had a creative imagination. He might paint a magenta sky, a purple lake, or a polka dot bird. His canvas was alive with creativity. He could hardly wait to get to school and show his art teacher his drawing. His teacher looked at his painting and said, “Johnny, this is silly. What do you see that all the other boys and girls don’t see? Why can’t you be like the other students and paint the right way?”

Little Johnny was an enterprising young boy. On weekends, you could see him selling Kool-Aid on the corner or selling his used toys. The neighbors would say, “Johnny you are quite the businessman. What are you going to be when you grow up?”

Johnny would quickly reply, “I am going to be a rich businessman and help people around the world.”

Immediately his mom would say, “Johnny, why do you say such things? You know you are going to be a doctor like your dad and grandfather. So, get those silly ideas out of your head!”

Well, Johnny grew up and did just as his mom wished; became a doctor. He was a member of the local church and sang in the choir. Johnny lived an average life and by the world’s standards was a success. When Johnny dies, all his dreams were buried with him.

Upon arrival in Heaven, he was greeted by God. God said, Johnny, on this screen you are going to see your life.”

Johnny saw his whole life – everything – the good, the bad, and the ugly. The best day was the day he invited Jesus into his heart. Then God said, “Johnny, this other screen is going to show you what you were created for, your purpose in life, your divine destiny.”

On this screen was everything Johnny dreamed he could be, everything he desired to be, everything he hoped to be. With a tear in his eye, he looked at God and asked, “Why? Why, then, if this was my destiny, did I not do it?”

God replied, “Because, Johnny, you listened to everyone but Me. You never asked Me. You never called out to Me to show you your plan. You became part of the world. You never asked Me to help you discover your divine destiny. You became like all the other boys and girls



Do you feel like Little Johnny? How many dreams have you put on hold? How many tears have you cried because no one understands your gifts, talents, and abilities? You must understand one thing – destiny does not come to you; you must

go to it. Friend don't be a little Johnny. You have a song to sing, a statement to say, a dream to be realized, and God needs you to do it! With God, you cannot fail. He is for you and never against you. His love will be your strength and passion.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
--Jeremiah 29:11 ESV*

What would playback on your screen of life?



**You can never change what was, but
You can change what will be!**

The world loves to try to mold you. Advertising agencies spend millions of dollars trying to tell you how to dress, how to look, what to eat, what is right, and what is wrong. If we are not careful, we will allow the voices of the world to form us into visions of ourselves that God never might for us to be. As children of God, we have been commanded not to conform to this world.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind.*

--Romans 12:2 ESV

THE WORLD'S VOICE VS GOD'S VOICE

When you understand who you are and what your purpose is based on God's Word, then the world will no longer have a foothold in your life and you will begin to grow into the person God created you to be. The world's voice may even sound

familiar to you, often coming from close friends or family members that do not understand or agree with your new identity and destiny from God.

What is your occupation? Think about this. Most of what we do in life revolves around the type of work we do. If I am a doctor, I think like a doctor, act like a doctor, and associate with other doctors. My occupation becomes who I am, but no occupation can truly make us happy. True happiness occurs when we understand our individual need for God in our lives and submit all our desires and dreams to him. Only then can we fulfill our God-given destiny.

I spoke at a youth retreat and asked them to share what they wanted to do with their lives when they got older. They responded as you would expect - doctor, lawyer, teacher, homemaker, artist, singer, and so on. Then, I asked them the very same question in a different way; what occupation would you choose that God would be proud of? How could God benefit from your talents? The responses were tremendous! When our thinking becomes centered around God and how to please him, then we will make good choices.

Don't let the world influence you. We've all been told things like you are not smart enough, pretty enough, or educated enough to do something. Unfortunately, if we listen to these voices long enough we will begin to believe them. While there is wisdom in seeking counsel from others, we must also be careful not to allow the opinions of others to deter us from what God has clearly spoken into our life. Never let the voices of others speak louder than God's.

*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—
if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise,
think about these things.*

--Philippians 4:8 ESV

HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

First, thank God for the good and the bad in your life, because even the bad things are used to help us grow into better people. Then tell God you love him and that you need Him. Lastly, give God your dreams of the future and ask him to reveal your true purpose and destiny.

Don't play the blame game and get caught up in trying to justify yourself by blaming everyone and everything else for your mistakes and your current place in life. God already knows who you are and what you have and haven't done. Be honest. Admit to God you have been a victim of negative thinking. Forgive yourself as God forgives you and ask him to direct you in every aspect of your life.

Your identity in God is far superior to anything you might gain from the world. Your Christian identity will blow the 'hell' out of your life. Broadly defined, **"hell"** can be anything that hinders you from the presence and promises of God. The first step in getting the hell out of our life is understanding the basis for our relationship with God.

*The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we
are children of God, and if children, then heirs -
heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.*

--Romans 8:16-17 ESV

WOW! We are joint heirs to The Son of God!

We are heirs with the most spiritually successful person to have ever walked the earth, Jesus Christ. When we chose to follow Jesus, we receive the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to reach our God-given destiny. You are more powerful than the world.

When you get up in the morning and look in the mirror, tell yourself, "I am an heir with Jesus Christ. I am full of power. I can do all things through Christ!" This creates a Teflon skin and takes off the brake as you just gave God the power to work through you without limitation. The garbage of the world will slide right off you, as you focus on the love of God. Let people see the light of Jesus shining bright in your words and actions. God will open more doors each day when you focus on your identity through Him. Pray, "Lord, use me today. Make me an instrument for your honor and glory. Let me focus on the GOOD THINGS to grow toward my destiny in You!"

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them (in the world), for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

-- 1John 4:4 ESV



CHAPTER 2

THE JOURNEY

At this point, something should be stirring inside of you. I am not talking about the pizza you ate last night. It's the Holy Spirit nudging you into the land of your destiny. It's time to pray:

**Lord, where do you want me to go?
Help me develop my gifts and talents
Inspire me with your dreams and purpose for me
I am here and ready God use me!**

It's only after you ask, "Where am I to go, God?" that you will find what you are looking for. God has a way of putting things right in our path and our thoughts. God gave you the plan and He needs you to become who you were created to become. He will fulfill his promises! Yes, and amen!

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you
will find; knock and it will be opened to you.*

Matthew 7:7 ESV

I hear people say all the time, "I'm too old" or, "I'm not that smart" or, "I've made too many mistakes". Those are excuses. It's never too late for God. If you are breathing, God isn't through with you. When you begin to ask and to seek, God will show you your mistakes and how to correct them. He will help you make better choices. You can never be too big of a mess for God to clean up.

If God gave you a plan, then He will help you to achieve it. God is not a trickster! He won't give you an idea, dream, or destiny to trick you. God is real and His Word cannot and will not, lie. Some people believe that mistakes from the past have caused God to change His mind about their destiny. Guess what,

God doesn't change His mind! When you invite Jesus into your heart, your mistakes are thrown into the sea of forgetfulness, and you become a new creation. You are spiritually reborn, and God will fill your head and heart with his plans and purpose for your life. He **will** complete what He started in you!

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

--Romans 11:29 NKJV

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

Mark 10:46-52 tells the story of the encounter a blind beggar named Bartimaeus had with Jesus.

As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city of Jericho, a blind man, named Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, Bartimaeus jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

He replied, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Why did Jesus ask Bartimaeus what he wanted? How strange that the Son of God that sees into the hearts of all men would ask this question...to a blind man! Everyone could see what this man needed; he was blind. Yet, we know that Jesus never spoke without a purpose. Frequently, Jesus would pose a question to a person to get them to search the condition or motive of their own heart. Jesus knew what Bartimaeus wanted just like He

knows what you want. Jesus wanted Bartimaeus to speak it out loud. When we go to Jesus to make our requests, we must be precise and clear. Ask yourself, how badly do you want it; then, be persistent! Remember Bartimaeus yelled to get the attention of Jesus. He knew what he wanted, and he knew Jesus could give it to him.

What you see is what you will get. When you begin to visualize the dreams, goals, and talents that God has given you, it stirs desires within you to please Him. These Godly desires form an image, a snapshot, of His dream in your mind. These dreams are the motivating force that will propel you into your destiny. These images become so real that you can't stop. These dreams not only sustain you through the journey, but they will become reality. That is how much God believes in you!

*Delight yourself in the Lord, and
he will give you the desires of your heart.*

--Psalm 37:4 ESV

Life is precious and to be enjoyed each day! God needs you to be a dreamer and an achiever. You know those dreams, goals, and ideas you have? Where do you think they come from? They are the links to God's plan for your life. God placed talents, skills, dreams, and abilities within you. He put the fire there, but it's up to you to fan the flame. It is God who will refine those dreams to fit His perfect plan for you. I believe with all my heart that this is the greatest time in history for any person who will raise their hand and say, "Lord, use me, mold me, and let me be what I was created to be!" That statement alone will have God blowing life into your dreams.

THIS IS MY TIME

Hey, for the critics you will run into, I have four words for you to never forget, "**This is my time!**". God's dreams are

bigger than your critics or people that think they know what is best for you. Now, go show the world how BIG your God is because this is your time!

Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

--Proverbs 16:3 NLT

Start thinking and praying about this:

Where do I see myself in 5 years?

What will our family's needs be in 5 years?

What will my physical health be like in 5 years?

How would I like my spiritual life in 5 years?

By this time, you should have dreams, goals, and changes in your mind. On page 62 is a Dream Sheet. Take a minute and transfer your “what do you want to do” answers from page 8. As often as you get an idea, dream or goal, go to your dream sheet and write it down. Add to your dream sheet as often as you think of something. Look at it and commit to prayer!

When a dream is transferred from your head to paper, it becomes a goal! As you commit your dreams to prayer, don't be surprised if God doesn't change some of your dreams completely. It's not that your dreams are out of line. We just can't comprehend what God has in store for us until we let HIS dreams pour into us. His dreams become alive in us as our relationship with Him grows. These are God-given dreams, which are the only dreams you want. Why? Because they come to pass. Remember, He wants to do great and mighty things in your life.

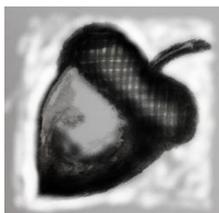
He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

--1 Thessalonians 5:24 ESV



CHAPTER 3

YOUR SEED OF GREATNESS – YOUR POTENTIAL



In presentations, I will hold up an acorn and ask people what they see. Some see an acorn; some see an oak tree, but very few see the potential of a forest. Did you know if you only see an acorn, you'll only get acorn results? I have oak trees at my house and each year thousands of acorns fall and many take root and form a tree. The potential for a mighty oak forest is there!

This illustration shows how much the world has formed our thinking. Many of us are getting acorn results in our life when God wants us to get mighty oak forest results. Those people with acorn results are the same people that put limits on God, but God has no limits! When you take the limits off God and remove Him from a box, you release the potential of God so that the size of our God will be the size of our dreams!

So many of us go to God holding a teaspoon to receive blessings. He must be exclaiming, "Why aren't they coming with a dump truck!" You must think in terms of POTENTIAL!

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.

--Ephesians 3:20 ESV

If you limit your vision, you limit your dreams. Do you know some people have the nerve to tell me, “Ron, you dream too big!”

My response to them is, “You bet! My God is so big, that I would be goofy to go to Him with puny requests. When my God shows up, I want the world to take notice!”

So, what’s inside of your “seed of greatness?” There are many things: happiness, love, peace, joy, Godly desires, health, abundance, kindness, enthusiasm, direction, God-given dreams, God-given talents, and of course, your destiny!

*But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you.*

--Matthew 6:33 ESV

Now regarding fulfilling the dreams God gives, many are called, but few are chosen. Why? They never followed through with their dreams. The reason is the choices they made. Like Little Johnny they may follow through with what is expected of them instead of what is put in their heart by God to become. They may have made choices based on the world’s desires: money, recognition, or simply because it was just easier. These people chose not to be chosen.

You must choose to be great for God’s kingdom; choose to be who God created you to be. You must choose to chase a destiny filled with the awesome power of God and to be used in mighty ways by being willing to serve Him fully!

Choose for yourselves this day, whom you will serve.

--Joshua 24:15 NKJV

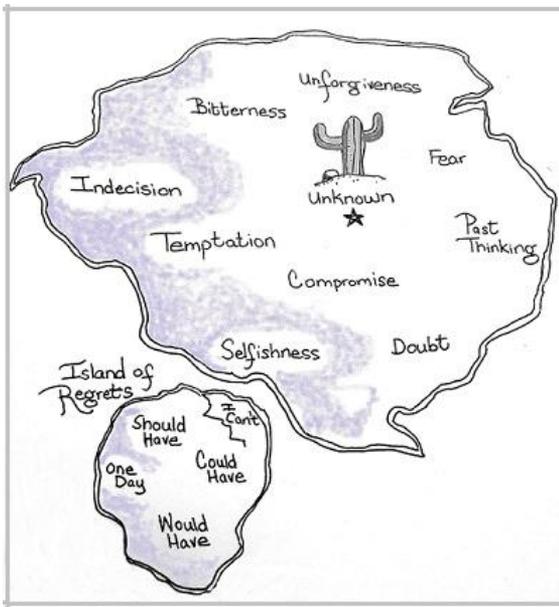
When you commit to grow your seed of greatness and pursue God’s destiny, you will go from a camouflaged Christian, one that blends in and can’t be distinguished from a non-Christian to

a Christian with a cause, a mission, and a purpose. You will get up each morning thinking about the direction God will lead you in today and go to bed thanking God for using you today. By allowing God to use you, you are achieving the same status as Moses, Joseph, Noah, Mary, Paul, and others in the Bible who were used by and for God's specific purpose. Never underestimate what God can and will do.

A lot of people think they must have lots of education or this and that. Sure, that may help 'that' person, but I am not talking to 'that' person. I am talking to you specifically! Are you willing to listen to God? God just needs a willing, obedient, trusting individual. He will do the rest. Focus on one important fact: God has placed you where you are for a reason. By trusting and listening, you are on your way to great and mighty things.



CHAPTER 4



THE LAND OF AVERAGE

*I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of
the land of Egypt out of the house of bondage.*

--Exodus 20:2 NKJV

The Land of Average is a mindset that will keep you in bondage to the world through doubt, temptation, past thinking, unforgiveness, indecision, and every other way of thinking that will keep you apart from God. God desires to bring you out of the Land of Average onto the Continent of His Promises where you will find the Land of Your Destiny where you truly belong. Your seed of greatness cannot grow in the Land of Average. Have you ever tried to grow a plant in bad soil? It won't grow. Although we as Christians have become a new creation, some of us still have our old way of thinking dwelling in the Land of Average. This is "mental trespassing!" The Land of Average has

nothing to offer you. The opportunities that God has waiting for you can only come on the Continent of God's Promises that he created you to live in.

If you don't leave, you'll retire on the Island of Regrets in one of its villages called Should Have, Would Have, Could Have, One Day, or I Can't. The capital is Unnoticed. Unbelievers have an excuse to live there; however, Christians have no excuse. Jesus said we are the "light of the world." There is no light on the Island of Regrets.

When you cross into the Land of Promises you break away from a poverty mindset. Here God can turn problems into opportunities; bad marriages into good marriages; poor health into good health; losing into winning and having hardly any money to use for God to more money to use for God. He can change from being under to being on top!

Has the WOW feeling hit you yet? This is the time to say, I am ready, move me, Lord, and then use me. When you say that, the angels in heaven start dancing! The devil is trembling, and God will begin to breathe life into your dead dreams. He will resurrect your destiny.

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in
the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

--Isaiah 43:19 ESV

YOUR NEW JOURNEY PRAYER

"Dear Lord, I am leaving the Land of Average to begin my journey through the Continent of Your Promises to reach the Land of My Destiny. I am asking the power of the Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead to guide and spire me to discover your destiny for me. You have known my plans and purpose before I was born. I will commit my works to You, so You will establish my thoughts. I have not been given the spirit

of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I will fight the enemy by wearing the armor of God and holding the shield of faith. I will expect the best and with your help attain the best. I pray each day that You will help me grow the seed of greatness inside of me. I am ready to live in the Land of Your Promises for your honor and glory. Please mold me, shape me, fill me, use me and ignite the fire inside of me. God, help me have the mind and attitude of your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, and my Savior. Thank you for giving me a destiny and for helping me.”

Thank you,

You're Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

Your dreams, goals, and ideas are about to happen. As you go forward, never, **NEVER** look back! You can take control of your life by focusing on what you can be. The past has a way of creeping up occasionally and when it does, focus on the future. Accept that the past was a tremendous learning experience and now you are going forward into the Land of Your Destiny. This is the only place you will find God's perfect plan for you.

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

--Philippians 3:13-14 ESV

Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

--Luke 9:62 ESV



CHAPTER 5

THE CONTINENT OF GOD'S PROMISES



For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

--2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV

You are about to embark on your journey into the Continent of God's Promises where you will find the Land of your Destiny and plant your seed of greatness. But, before you begin packing, I want to tell you something about the Continent of God's Promises.

The soil of the Land of God's Promises in which your seed of greatness will grow is composed of the promises of God. Here are a few you should know that will nourish your seed:

- **You are never alone**, and He will never leave you. Even when it seems no one else is there for you, God won't turn his back on you.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

--Joshua 1:9 ESV

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you.

--Deuteronomy 31:8 ESV

- **You are forgiven & loved** unconditionally.

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

--Isaiah 43:25 NKJV

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

--Romans 8:38-39 ESV

- **God knows you like no other**, your hopes, your dreams, your strengths and your weaknesses.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

--Psalm 139:2-3 ESV

- **God has a plan for your life!** His plan is for you is to succeed, not to end in disaster.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

--Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

- **God will strengthen you** for your journey ahead.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

--Philippians 4:13 NKJV

- **You have access to God's peace** regardless of your circumstances in life.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

--Philippians 4:7 ESV

When you find yourself on the Continent of God's Promises, I believe you will feel the way I do - that this is my land and I will not leave it for anything! It's not about money, fame, honor, or me. It's all about bathing in the love and power of God. Problems will still exist, but LET GO AND LET GOD help you get through them. As much as we'd like Him to, God doesn't always just zap our problems out of existence. In fact, sometimes, He does just the opposite. He will allow problems in our way to help our growth or for His own purposes. We tend to think everything that happens is about us, but sometimes, it has nothing to do with us at all. God may be using us to intervene in someone else's life and we may never even know the who or the why until we are with Him in Heaven. But that's where faith comes in.

God's grace grows our seed with tender loving care, perfectly. God knows our hearts. If we are trying to become more like Jesus, God is well pleased. Our time isn't spent on making things happen. In God's timing, He will make things happen. In John 15:5, Jesus said He is the vine and we are the branches. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. He meant it! I spent half of my life trying to do much on my own. I was under constant stress. But on the Continent of God's Promises, there is a peace that surpasses all understanding when you let go and let God have it all. The joy of the Lord becomes your strength and you feel virtually indestructible.

*To everything there is a season, a time for every
purpose under heaven.*

--Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV

Let determination drive you to discover your destiny. Be determined not to let the world mold you. Be determined that other people's opinions will have no bearing on God's call in your life. And be determined to remove any limits you may have placed on God to discover your destiny.

EMPOWERMENT

Usually by now when I'm giving this in a presentation, people are saying, "I LIKE THIS! I want to get busy for the Lord. I want more out of life!" What you are feeling is empowerment. You are beginning to take possession of the promises of God. You are beginning to get a taste of your destiny! And it feels pretty good, doesn't it?

What I am about to say is crucial. Many times, along your journey, you may find that what you feel now will be gone. It doesn't mean a thing except that the adversary will try to get you back into the Land of Average. The point is that the feeling you feel is GOD. It is the Holy Spirit stirring up your gifts.

Remember, He has not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. Ask God to never let this feeling leave. I call this the **“hell buster”** feeling.

Now that you have made the decision that you want more, God is going to lead you through the Continent of His Promises and into the Land of your Destiny. God will never stop you. He may change your direction a few times but only for the right reasons. Keep your focus on God, and remember, you are never alone on this journey.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

--Psalm 32:8 ESV

I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

--Matthew 28:20 NKJV



CHAPTER 6

PREPARING YOURSELF FOR THE JOURNEY

When you prepare for a trip, you should be aware of the dangers, what to look out for and how to avoid trouble. Godly desires are the fuel that will drive you your trip. Desires put plans into action. Without desire, you will never reach your destination.

What is the difference between man-made desires and Godly desires? How many times have you heard someone tell you they were going to do this or that? A few years later, you run into them and ask them how their plan went, and it never happened. They may have legitimate reasons, but the fact remains, they did not do it. Godly desires, on the other hand, are from God. They must get done. If you don't do it or you sit back and wait, the world will miss out on your gifts, talents, and abilities.

Always focus on Jesus, (WWJD). Peter was able to walk on water when he focused on Jesus. When his eyes left Jesus, he sank. When he was sinking, he called to Jesus and Jesus brought him up. When you stumble, fall, or feel like you're sinking, call out to Jesus, and He will put you back on the road.

BE ON GUARD FOR THE ENEMY

Here's what S-A-T-A-N, the father of lies, can do to you:

Self-Doubt through FFA (Friends, Family, and Associates)

Anxiety – You get so overwhelmed that you think of quitting.

Time wasters – He gets you busy being busy.

Attitude – You think, I can't do this.

Na Na Na – He and his pals are laughing at you.

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day...fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.
--Ephesians 6:13-17 ESV

God has given us spiritual armor to wear to stand against the attacks of our enemy, the Devil. All pieces of our armor are defensive except for one, the sword...aka the Bible. When we speak God's Word out loud, we inflict harm upon the forces of darkness around us. So, the next time you hear lies and doubts enter your mind, simply draw the "sword of truth" and speak...

It is written...

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

--Philippians 4:13 NKJV

It is written ...

"Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.

--James 4:7 NKJV

WATCH FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN YOUR PATH

There will be times when God will place key people in your path. They may act as mentors. They may help you financially. They may give you wisdom or they may become a prayer partner with you. Do two things: First, pray and ask God, "Is this someone that can help me?" You will find the answer in your spirit. Second, listen to them and take their answers back to God and pray. Don't ever be in such a hurry that you just do something without God's approval. If people help you with finances, let them know how you intend to use them. If they

want something in return, like attending their church, or doing some favor, maybe you should refuse it.

Be aware that the enemy might also put people in your path to get you off the road to your destiny. Prayer is so important. If you are doing what God has called you to do, He will put people in your path who will support your vision... period.

ROADBLOCKS

Roadblocks are anything in our lives that dramatically affect our forward progress. And while roadblocks are unavoidable in life, they do not have to be permanent. So, anticipate them and do what James tells us:

*When troubles of any kind come your way,
consider it an opportunity for great joy.*

--James 1:2 NLT

I approach a roadblock like so: “Lord, I don’t like this, but I know this may be a test. I am going to go through this roadblock and thank you in advance for being with me. Give me the strength and power to trust and obey your voice.”

For when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

--James 1:3 NLT

A test? I can handle a test if I know God is in this. James says,

*So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed,
You will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.*

--James 1:4 NLT

Roadblocks – An *illusion* of F-E-A-R!

False

Evidence

Appearing

Real

Roadblocks are Satan's way of trying to get you back to the Land of Average. He is a liar! You're on your way to your destiny! Keep your focus on Jesus. You **can** do it! Your destiny is just around the corner.

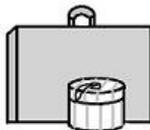
Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

--1 Corinthians 6 NLT



CHAPTER 7

PACKING YOUR BAGS AND LETTING GO



Before we go on a trip, we pack. However, there are some things you shouldn't and cannot take with you as you move toward your destiny. Before God can lead us, he must cleanse us. He must remove the impurities that are blocking the flow of power in our lives. Sometimes things from the past have been so

painful that we carry them wherever we go. This baggage is so heavy it stops us from moving on to our destiny.

Many of us are carrying unnecessary baggage. This is the time to stop and reflect on any baggage that could hinder your trip into the Land of God's Promises. You must be honest. David said it best, "Lord, search me and make in me a new heart." You must take personal responsibility. It doesn't matter what has happened to you, GOD IS BIGGER than all your past. On page 61 is a Prayer Journal. This is the time to transfer any unnecessary baggage into your prayer journal and let God do what He does best... heal. Some types of baggage are fear, doubt, past thinking, anger, bitterness, selfishness, unforgiveness, and confusion. This is dead weight and will only hold you back. The journey you're going on is so incredible, you don't want anything to hold you back!

Nothing will stop a dream, goal, vision, or destiny faster than unforgiveness. Unforgiveness turns into bitterness that will block the power of the Holy Spirit. It is at this point that we must turn to God completely. Let's face it, there are some mean-spirited people out there; people that have hurt us, taken advantage of us, and lied to us. That is just a fact. The truth is they never go away. But this is what you must understand; by not forgiving and moving on, you only hurt YOUR destiny, not theirs. God will deal with these people one day. By not forgiving and by continuing to hold grudges, you cannot and will not be used by God. Some may say, "Well, I am working in my church; I have a ministry." That may be true, but you are working for God. God is not working for you. This is what separates the spectators from the active participators.

It has always been amazing to me the number of Christians I've met who are compromising their beliefs because of sin they don't want to let go of. I have heard them say, "Well, I think God understands. He knows my circumstances." By this time, I can't keep my mouth shut. I respond with, "You're living in La

La Land! Do you really believe that God would permit sin and still bless you in your walk? Admit it – you want to do your own thing. You are selfish and have rationalized this in your mind. Pal, sin is sin and sin stinks!”

Jesus said, “Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

--John 14:21 ESV

Friend, God gave us simple rules. When we trust and obey, He rewards us bigger and better than any type of temporary pleasure sin may give us. I know some of these people are good people. They just haven’t figured out what God wants yet. We need to pray for these people, “Lord, please forgive them and open their eyes to your will. Guide them to their destiny.”

I have found your best weapon is the Word of God. Don’t leave home without it. Do you know there are people that know the Bible from cover to cover and are scared to walk out of their houses? Then there are some that know some key Bible phrases that apply to their situation and are walking with no fear of anything. What’s the difference? One knows the Word of God and the other **applies** the Word of God. Your protection is using the Word of God. Remember when Jesus was out in the desert and the devil tried to tempt Him three times? Jesus responded, “It is written.” He used the Word of God.

A Christian who admits his mistakes is a rare breed. Too many times, pride gets in the way. On your journey, you will make some mistakes. It’s okay, just learn from them, admit them, turn away from them, and move on. Many times, I have had to change plans in certain things. It was hard to admit that I was wrong, but it only hurt for a few minutes. You earn respect from others by being honest and humble about your mistakes. But more importantly, being honest and humble with God about

your mistakes, allows the Holy Spirit to work more fully in you as you seek God's given destiny for your life.

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

--Proverbs 16:18 ESV



CHAPTER 8

PLANTING YOUR SEED



Your ultimate destination in this journey to the Land of Your Destiny is to plant your seed of potential that will grow within the will of God. If you abide in His will, it **will** grow into greatness. The will of God will have you writing ideas, dreams, and goals every day.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.

--Proverbs 16:3 ESV

Your destiny hinges on the fact that you are growing as an individual. If you planted a bush or tree at your home and it never grew, you might consider pulling it up and transferring it to better soil. It's the same with God. He wants you to ground your roots in *His* fertile soil. This allows you to grow on a minute-by-minute basis. If you are doing the same thing today you have been doing for the past couple of years, you probably

are not growing. If you're not growing, you're stagnating; or worse yet, you might be spiritually dying. Your seed of greatness does not grow automatically. You must choose to grow your seed! The proportion of your growth will be equal to the responsibilities God will give you. Growth is a process, a day-to-day process.

You want to create consistent habits that will grow your seed of greatness. Consistency is a vital key to discovering your destiny. It takes twenty-one days to form a habit. So, the first three weeks will set the process in motion. Many of the principles I am about to share with you are just simple ways of modifying your behavior, so it lines up with the will of God.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law
he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted
by streams of water that yields its fruit
in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

--Psalm 1:1-2 ESV



CHAPTER 9

THE SIX ELEMENTS

When we grow a plant there are certain elements the seed needs to grow. Six elements are vital in growing your seed of greatness, which leads you to discover your true destiny in life. Just as if you were growing a plant, if one element is lacking, it will affect the growth of your seed. Pray that God will help you increase the ingredient you need the most. The **six essential elements** that you will need to grow your seed of greatness are:

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| 1. Attitude | 2. Love | 3. Wisdom |
| 4. Prayer | 5. Praise | 6. Faith |

I think by now you realize that God has created you for a purpose. He is shaping you and molding you into a vessel that he will use for great and mighty things. It is my prayer now that the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with the desire to grow as large as God wants you! Your journey is your journey... and God's. God has placed this book in your hand for a reason. He is ready to walk with you. Your day-to-day, consistent walk with God will open the heavens so the mighty power of God can rain on you. So, let it rain! Soak up what God has for you. It is the greatest feeling in the world to understand that you are needed. Your skills, talents, and abilities need to be shared with your family, your church, your community, your workplace, and the world. So, start growing your seed of greatness!

But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

--Matthew 13:23 NKJV

ATTITUDE ELEMENT

The element of attitude is the rich fertile soil needed to grow your seed. Your destiny will never be discovered with a poor, unhealthy thought life.

*Guard your heart (mind) above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.*

--Proverbs 23:7 NLT

Remember the acorn? You must think in terms of potential, so think forest! Let me illustrate the danger of a defeated thought pattern:

One defeated/negative **thought**...

Becomes defeated/negative **words**...

Becomes defeated/negative **actions**...

Becomes defeated/negative **destiny**...

Your mind accepts what it sees and hears. You must protect your mind. Be careful to guard what comes into it. When a negative thought comes in, cast it out, rebuke it, respond as Jesus would, "It is written..."

The breakfast of champions is the Word of God. Set a simple goal of reading some each day. Set yourself up for success by setting easy, obtainable goals each day. You want to start a consistent habit of this. You may start with five minutes this week, maybe ten next week. Some people get so eager that they set a goal of a book a day, but after a few days, they can't do it and then they think they are failures. Start small and increase. The most important thing is consistency.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

--Philippians 2:5 NKJV

Did you know that for hundreds of years it was common thinking that no man could run a mile under four minutes? Then, on May 6, 1954, Dr. Roger Bannister said, "I can do it." He ran a mile in under four minutes. He did what everyone else said could not be done. Since then, over 10,000 others have broken that record. Why? Because someone did it. If others can be used for God, so can you. You will never do what God wants you to do until you believe with all your heart that you **can** do it!

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

--Philippians 4:13 NKJV

Attitude is not one thing, it is everything! I once heard it said that your attitude will determine the altitude to which you will climb. It is so true. Look at how Jesus responded during his life on earth. Even when faced with storms, hunger, weariness, and even death, Jesus' attitude still reflected God's love. Pray to have the attitude of Jesus. Pray to have the attitude of a grateful and humble servant of God. You will find your attitude improving each day, thus attracting positive circumstances and results in your life.

**God chooses what we go through
We choose how we go through it!**

LOVE ELEMENT

The element of love is the sunshine to grow your seed. Your seed of greatness will wither and die unless you have love in your heart for both yourself and others.

Yes, Love your enemies. This goes back to forgiveness. So many times, we are confronted with someone in our life that has severely wounded us or scarred us. We must, however, look at this as an obstacle on the road to our destiny. You are commanded to love your enemies.

A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another
--John 13:34-35 ESV

When you throw a boomerang the correct way, it comes back to you. Love is the same way. When you give love to others, regardless of how they look, act, smell, or how they have treated you, it comes back to you. As it comes back to you, your love for yourself, your neighbor, and God will grow!

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind! This is what changed my life forever when I went from a knowledge of Jesus to an intimate relationship with him. You can't love someone unless you spend time with that person. Set aside time each day to get to know Jesus. Make it fun. Go to the beach, a coffee shop, the mall, or wherever. Read His Word, ask Him questions. Consider this, you have a direct line to heaven. You can call on Him twenty-four hours a day. The more you get to know Jesus, the more he will reveal to you.

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. And the second is equally important, Love your neighbor as yourself.

No other commandment is greater than these.

--Mark 12:30-31 NLT

Love is pushing you to the Land of Your Destiny. What we need to understand and pursue is love. A love for God, a love for our fellow man, a love for life. After we can receive and comprehend the unconditional love God has for us, He wants us to pass this love on to others. We are like a conduit through which God flows. I remember once I helped a homeless man get on his feet. I brought him to a church service, prayed for him,

and took an offering from the people to buy him a bus ticket. The next day, I took him to the bus station, prayed with him, and gave him a big Jesus hug. He looked at me and said, “Ron, I have never had any minister treat me the way you have.” I said, “It’s not me, it’s the love of Jesus coming through me. I could never have done this years ago.” He thanked me and got on the bus. On July 4, 2001, I received a call from him. He had a job, was back with his family, and best of all was pursuing Jesus.

Love is the catalyst to a miracle. The Bible says that God is love. In my experience in the streets, churches, or wherever, when the love and compassion of Jesus are demonstrated, miracles happen. Friend, pray and work hard on loving God and your neighbor more each day. Many times, you will love, and no one will love you back. It can get discouraging but don’t stop. Sow the seed of love and it will take root one day. You will change your destiny and another’s destiny by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.

--1 John 4:16-17 NLT

WISDOM ELEMENT

The element of wisdom is the fertilizer to grow your seed. Growth guarantees an exciting tomorrow. Growth is not automatic. You must choose to grow. Many times, we don’t need more wisdom, we just need to use the wisdom we already have.

What is personal growth? Personal growth is gaining the knowledge necessary to advance your career, family, physical health, as well as your financial, educational, and social skills. If you are having financial trouble, you could take a course on budgeting. Physical health? A place to start would be diet and

exercise. Marriage trouble? Try a marriage enrichment class. I think you get the idea of what personal growth is.

What is spiritual growth? Spiritual growth is taking what you know together with your life experiences and applying these EFFECTIVELY in accord with God's Word. We call this wisdom. Wisdom is simply seeing life from God's perspective and then making decisions based on this understanding. In the Bible, the word wisdom appears over 100 times in the book of Proverbs alone.

Wisdom will be your best friend on the road to the Land of Your Destiny in adversity. Wisdom allows you to make decisions that will bring you peace inside. I tell people that without wisdom, you may pace the floor all night thinking about a problem. Wisdom allows you to sleep because you know God will bring you through whatever you may go through. I have come through some pretty tough situations in life because of wisdom.

Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

--Proverbs 28:26 ESV

Where do you find wisdom? Wisdom is yours for the asking. On your road, you will find so-called experts who will tell you to do this or that. They will give you suggestions from the world in which they live or from their head. This can send you off the edge of the road into a ditch. God is the only one that can pour wisdom into you generously. Just ask, you will receive!

THREE WAYS TO GROW IN WISDOM

1. **Fear God.** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*
--*Proverbs 1:7 ESV*

When I talk about fear, I am not talking about running from God in terror. I am talking about honoring Him; taking God seriously daily. On the road to destiny, it is imperative that God is on board. The more you spend time in His Word, the more you are going to grow.

2. **Abide in God.** *In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* --*Colossians 2:3 ESV*

WOW! We as Christians have Jesus living on the inside of us and this gives us access to everything He has, including His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding!

3. **Ask God.** *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.* --*James 1:5 ESV*

All you have to do is ASK. Your voice will penetrate the heavens and go to the throne of God. When you ask God for wisdom, you are asking according to his will for your life. Then this wisdom will empower you to overcome any roadblock.

Friend, God designed you to reach the Land of Your Destiny. Wisdom lets you grow beyond what you can imagine. This is how our loving Father can open doors and take you into the promised land. Add to your prayer journal on page 61 your request for wisdom. Lord, let the wisdom POUR!

PRAYER AND PRAISE ELEMENTS

The elements of prayer and praise are the water to grow your seed. Nothing can live or grow without water.

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

--Samuel Chadwick

Praise God for who He is and who He desires you to be! I love to drive down the road and say, “Lord, thank you for who I am, who you are helping me to become, and who you desire me to be.” Some people think the only place you can praise God is in church. You can praise God in the shower, on the beach, at the gym, mowing the lawn, washing the car, anywhere you want!

When you praise the Lord, He opens the gates of His kingdom and sends His angels to fight and win the spiritual battles you are facing. They ride on the wings of our praise and tear down the walls of adversity. God inhabits the praises of His people.

*And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed,
and sang praises unto God:
And the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great
earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken:
and immediately all the doors were opened,
and everyone's bands were loosened.*

--Acts 16:25 KJV

Why would two guys chained and in prison begin praying and singing praises to God? Because Paul and Silas knew that God was bigger than their situation and capable of overcoming their circumstances? And overcome God did with broken chains and opened prison doors. And God wants to do the same for you.

He is ready to break your chains of fear, doubt, and unbelief! Let Him hear your praises!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night.

--Psalm 92:1-2 NKJV

When you praise, the wall of confusion and disappointment will come tumbling down. The chains of depression and uncertainty will be loosed. Praise God! You might not feel like praising God but try it. Here is my standard praise that I pray when I need some walls to fall. I guarantee this praise will blow the hell out of your life!

I praise you, God! I praise you not for the problem but because you believe in me. You know that I am an overcomer and I praise you for the lesson you are teaching me in this situation. I don't like it, I don't understand it, but I praise you for strengthening me. I praise you for the soldier you are molding me into. I pray for the grace and the peace that surpasses all understanding while this wall is standing. I pray that the mighty power of God will tear down this wall and destroy the very foundation of this problem. I pray that I will never forget how you are showing up and showing off in my life. I praise you for the solution that you are working on right now. I am yours forever! Thank you, Jesus.

Let me tell you, Friend, that prayer has brought down the wall of hell in my life. I have found **POWER** in prayer and praise! It's so easy to praise God at the car wash or the gym because I remember where I was before He showed up. I

remember the sadness, anger, uncertainty and I never want it again. That motivates me more than anything to praise my God.

You must believe that God will answer your prayer. When you approach a roadblock, you will be faced with three options. The option of faith says yes you can overcome this roadblock, while the option of unbelief says no this roadblock is too big to overcome. However, the option of doubt says both yes and no at the same time which leads to a stalemate. Let me encourage you to choose the faith option and act on the fact that God will answer your prayer because asking without faith will not give you the power to overcome life's roadblocks.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

--James 1:6-8 ESV

Keep a prayer journal and write the date your prayers are answered. This is one of the best faith-building tools you will ever use. Start by using the prayer journal section at the back of this book. Use it to record your prayer requests and mark every time your prayers are answered. Then when you need a little encouragement, take it out and read it. This will restore some lost faith rather quickly.

Set a time each day to pray. This is your communication with God. He knows what you need, but He wants to hear from you. Jump up in the lap of the Father and tell Him your heart's desires.

*The Lord is near to all who call upon Him,
to all who call upon Him in truth.*

--Psalm 145:18 ESV

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

--Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

*I call on you, for you will answer me, O God;
Incline your ear to me and hear my words.*

--Psalm 17:6 ESV

Blessed be God because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

--Psalm 66:20 ESV

FAITH ELEMENT

The element of faith is the firm root emerging from your seed. When you leave your baggage of hate, anger, grudges, sin, etc. you allowed the incredible power of faith to start taking root. Your attitude, wisdom, and prayer are feeding your roots. With Christ along as your guide, you will see your faith grow each day.

What is faith?

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
The conviction of things not seen.*

--Hebrews 11:1 ESV

Faith is the conviction of things unseen based on the goodness of God's character and the faithfulness of God's Word.

Where do I get faith?

God has dealt each one a measure of faith

--Romans 12:3 NKJV

You have been given a measure of faith, but it is up to you to enlarge that faith. You must choose to have mountain-moving faith! Unused faith is like gold within the earth, it has no value until it is worked and mined out. Hearing the Word of God is like putting Miracle Grow on your roots of faith. Feed them daily!

...Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God!

--Romans 10:17 NKJV

*If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed,
you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,'
and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.*

--Matthew 17:20 ESV

In presentations, I always bring a mustard seed. It is very tiny but when planted, the seed will grow into a huge mustard bush. Some bushes have been known to reach 30 feet tall!

In Matthew 17:20, Jesus was demonstrating that it only takes a little faith to move a mountain of difficulty in your life. As you grow your seed of greatness, your faith too will grow. Years from now, you will look back and see how what you have asked God for has grown.

We often believe that we must see it to believe it. With faith, you must believe it to see it. Faith is hard to develop for many because we like to see things with our eyes. We want to feel it, touch it and see it. Faith allows you to believe that your situation is about to change. You don't know when, where, or how, but you know the impossible **will** become possible!

Can you please God without faith?

And without faith it is impossible to please God...

--Hebrews 11:6 ESV

The answer is NO! Could it be that God would be unhappy because without faith you would never reach your potential, and you would never dwell in the Land of Your Destiny? God did not create robots but people with free will. This free will is what gives us the opportunity to chase our destiny; to discover God's wonderful plan for us. It must break His heart when we don't have faith because He knows that without faith, we won't be who He created us to be.

So, how do you know your faith is growing? When you quit relying on yourself to solve problems and begin relying on God. When you go from "What am I going to do?" to "Lord, what are **we** going to do?" Just that question alone implies faith in God to solve your problem. Friend, faith will get you through and on top of any situation. Faith will move you deep into the Land of Your Destiny.

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

--2 Corinthians 5:7 ESV

Just the fact that you want to pursue God more will start your faith growth process. Love God with all your heart, mind, and soul and he will FILL you up. Take the shield of faith wherever you go. The shield of faith will protect you from your adversary who is determined to stop your faith from growing. Go to your prayer journal and write a prayer for the increase of faith in your life. I wrote this book because of the tremendous amount of faith I have in YOU!



CHAPTER 10

PATIENCE...

Patience allows you to grow bigger and bigger. I grew up in the Midwest and saw the harvests of many cornfields. Unlike most modern things today, growing fields of corn is a long arduous process that does not happen overnight. We have become a fast-food, instant download society, even with our approach to our Christian lives. We place our order with God and then drive up to the window looking for our answer. If you are truly patient and let God grow you, shape you, prune you, and guide you, you will be so strong that nothing can come against you! The gates of hell will not prevail!

*... and on this rock, I will build my church,
And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

--Matthew 16:18 ESV

When you are obedient to the things that God has asked you to do, then you will begin to reap a harvest. Just remember, no one can change God's timing.

Earlier, I was talking about corn. If you hold an ear of corn in your hand, there can be 200 kernels of corn one that one cob. Each stalk will have about four ears of corn, but it all began with one kernel – one seed. One seed can produce a harvest of 800 kernels of corn. I would say that is a good return on investment. When you plant your seed of greatness into the fertile soil of God's word and then act upon it, you will reap an abundant harvest.

The Word of God says that to everything there is a season. Just like on a farm, you have a planting season, a growing season, and a harvest season. Be patient. This is where your faith will

come in. When you think things are going too slowly, you must **trust God.**

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

--Galatians 6:9 ESV

Sometimes you might say, “Okay Lord, I have done what you have asked. I have given my all to you. Where is my harvest? Where is the solution to this problem?” Again, back to the test. God is never late, and he is never early, he is always right on time.

The Chinese Bamboo Plant

For five years after the bulb of the Chinese bamboo is planted, you will water and care for this plant with nothing ever coming out of the ground. The whole time it’s been beneath the ground, it’s been growing a huge root system that will sustain and support its growth. In the fifth year, it shoots 80 feet in just six weeks. We are like this plant. We might not see all the growth as He prepares us beneath the ground to support what is to come; but one day we will shoot up towards the heavens with love, wisdom, prayer, faith, and the attitude of Jesus Christ.



CHAPTER 11

The Destiny Zone

*I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb.
Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed
you as my prophet to the nations.*

--Jeremiah 1:5 NLT

You have committed to becoming the person God created you to be and one final piece of advice: Have fun! That's right! While you are growing, make every effort to just enjoy the process. Most of all, embrace the changes and God's grace will grow you, protect you and give you the ability to play life in the "Destiny Zone."

One day when I was taking the time to thank God for helping me grow my seed of greatness, I felt Him impress upon me that I will always grow when I play life in the "Destiny Zone." I felt compelled to write down my personal experiences in the Destiny Zone which I call our personal touch of heaven.

Let me ask you something. Would you play football in a baseball stadium or soccer in a boxing ring? Of course not! If Little Johnny had played life in the Destiny Zone, his life would have looked very different. By following the steps outlined in prior chapters you are now playing life in your Destiny Zone. This is the sweet spot for life; your safety net, your private time with Jesus.

Your makeover begins and continues in the Destiny Zone where you are in tune with the Holy Spirit. Here spiritual blinders are removed; a new level of understanding-of-others behavior is born. Judgment is replaced with empathy, understanding, and compassion. Here, you love others because He first loved you. God's desires become your desires and fear and doubt give way to God's unconditional love. You are drawn

to the unlovable and fear is replaced with peace and a passion to pursue your purpose. Creative thinking and inspiration are alive with new ideas. Forgotten dreams are resurrected and become the spark that sets you on fire!

In the Destiny Zone, you will begin to understand why you were born. You will discover your purpose and will be driven by the power of God to complete it. You will experience a metamorphosis in much the same way that caterpillars are reborn into beautiful butterflies. In the Destiny Zone, divine appointments take place, and God will strategically place you in the right place at the right time. And, even though you may feel it is the wrong time and the wrong place, it will still work out to your advantage. Your faith in God will go to a new level, and when you meet doubters and naysayers, you will speak with such clarity and boldness that you will stun them into silence! You will defend your faith and even be surprised by the level of knowledge that God has poured into you. You may not win everyone you speak with to Jesus, but they will remember you. You may plant the seed, but it is up to God to make it grow.

Your story will inspire others to want to know how to find their God-given destiny. God's fire in you will send sparks of spiritual revival into those who want to listen. You will discover a fresh love for your Heavenly Father and a sincere desire to please Him. His love will be your blanket of peace. You will feel His divine protection! The Destiny Zone is a perimeter of love, and God will not let anything come against you, much the same way a protective parent protects his or her child. You can sleep soundly because you know that God is working on your situation 24/7. If you wander out of the Destiny Zone and roam among the wolves and sin of the world, it won't be long until you desire to return to the safety of your Heavenly Father. As an ambassador for Jesus, you will do great and mighty things and you will be storing your treasures in heaven.

THE END OF THE ROAD – THE FINISH LINE!

One day your journey will end here, and you will stand before Jesus. That day, the good you did and the people you impacted will be revealed and you will be blown away. Every simple act of kindness, generosity, and love you gave others never went without notice. You will discover that your faithfulness touched the lives of people you never even knew.

His Lord said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

--Matthew 25:21 NKJV



A Final Thought from Ron...

I want to thank God for allowing me to share my destiny with you. The joy I have felt in sharing God's powerful promises with you is overwhelming. Everything you read is from personal experience and God giving me a message to share with the world.

Friend, you have been shown how to become the person God created you to be. How to move from the pew to the front-line of God's army. Look over this book as often as you like when you need a refreshing of the Spirit. Write in your prayer journal as often as you can! If you need more prayer sheets or dream sheets, write us.

Lastly, commit to three important things to help promote the goodness, love, mercy, and forgiveness of God. One, share this book; two share your story; and three, share Jesus with one person a day.

I will pray for you every day and I ask that you do the same for me. In life, it is never how we start but how we finish. Let's commit to finishing life strong, bold, and unapologetic for our faith in Jesus Christ. May God richly bless you, protect you, and guide you on the great and awesome journey called LIFE!



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My Story, "The Promoter"

Ron would love to share his story with you, by sending you a copy of his book, *The Promoter*. This book is about my journey for purpose and meaning in life. Like many other people, I grew up in a dysfunctional family where I was told I would never amount to much. These negative voices in my childhood led me to want to end my life at the age of eleven, but God stepped in and saved my life that day, both physically and spiritually. Yet, the question remained, “What is my purpose in life?” The rest of the book is about how God directed and guided me toward that purpose. Yes, there were many mistakes and setbacks along the way, but today I am doing things that I never knew I could do.

This book was written for the person who is also searching for their purpose in life. To encourage that person who may think that their past mistakes disqualify them from a purposeful and meaningful life. I want every person who reads, *The Promoter*, to know that God loves them (regardless of their past) and that they too can live out their God-given destiny.

Reach out to us!

I would love to hear from you and the story of how God has touched your life and helped you to find your God-given destiny. I'd also like to invite you to visit my website for my podcasts, newsletters, blogs, and speaking schedule at:

www.thepromoter.org./contact

Personal Prayer Journal

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him,
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
--1 John 5:14-15 ESV*

Example: Lord, please give me wisdom and guidance to understand my purpose for you. I thank you in advance for all You are going to do for me.

Date answered: June 25, 2020

Make copies and always write the date in which your pray was answered. When you wonder if God listens, pull this out and remind yourself of all He has done!

Your Dream Sheet

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
--Jeremiah 29:11 *ESV*

I am inspired to...

A Dream God has given me is:

Goals:

When you begin to chase your destiny, God will inspire you with new ideas, thoughts and desires, and it is imperative that you write these down. Writing crystalizes thoughts and thoughts lead to ACTION! As your potential grows, your desires will grow. Put no logic to any thought just write it down. There is no such thing as a silly or stupid idea. Some of my best ideas were things I thought ridiculous. God is full of surprises.