

Pioneering New Horizons - A Time to Pioneer

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New territory. Increased territory. More fruitful territory.

We all have unique callings and timings of God placed upon us but there are things that burden God's heart for all of us in common.

Turn to Joshua 1:1-9

¹ After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying:

² "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel.

³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses.

⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.

⁵ No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.

⁶ Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go."

The Non-Negotiables Of God's Intention

- If You Are To Be One Of God's Trail Blazers! (10 points)

1. It will involve increased faith.

Heb 11:6 – If our future is to please God, it must be one of faith.

Common laws of faith

Heb 11:1 - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

A) It is a "hope" (an impregnation of a divine intention – Ps 37:4,5), a dream is born out of hearing God speak to our hearts.

Example: 12 months ago in prayer diary: Steve and Avonwood both were a 'hope'.

You as an individual may not be in a position to pioneer a new project right now, but maybe for you now is your time for God to be sowing the seed of that dream into your spirit for the next season to come.

First the dream, then the reality.

The evidence of things.

- **B) “not yet seen”** - Jeremiah 33:3 ‘Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things (*apparently inaccessible, beyond reach*), which you do not know (*...to see and experience*).’
- A future of faith is a future that ventures into the previously unknown.
- It is not an extension of the status quo
- It is not a repeat of former achievements
- It is not a duplicate of what we have seen others do

It is new territory and, as such, will involve an increase of faith!

The world awaits the man or woman with a new idea!

Bill Gates. Dan Daniels.

2. It will involve spiritual revelation, rather than human knowledge.

Heb 11:1 – “things not seen”

Heb 11:3 – “not made of things which are visible”

Heb 11:7 – Noah “not yet seen”

Abraham & Noah were ‘pioneers’. They refused to be confined to the limitations of their own intelligence and education.

They walked a life of discovery before they enjoyed a life of occupation. But it came by way of A WORD from God.

God had to give them a dream that was outside of human knowledge.

We have to be **praying men & women** and we have to be **listening men & women**.

We have to be hungry and alert, but not striving.

We have to be receptive and responsive.

We must have an attitude of daily communion and friendship with God that keeps us constantly expecting to hear His voice.

God is a creator, He has millions of unique creative ideas – let Him share one with you.

3. It will involve a compelling sense of Divine Commission (not just an excellent business opportunity).

That waking up in the morning with a consciousness that the day has been on God’s calendar, that it is pregnant with potential; and that the Holy Ghost will be directing and empowering you because you are subject to His command.

True ‘Faith’ is the outworking of a Divine Commission.

'Pistis' – a conviction born out of hearing.

Miracles are not the challenge, obedience is!

People with an occupation, grind their way through life. But people with a Divine Commission run with passion, they have energy! 'A cause!'

4. It will involve leaving behind the security of the familiar

It is new territory. (Isaiah 43:18,19)

Joshua 1:2 "Moses, my servant is dead. Therefore arise and go over the Jordan"

The 'Moses' era was awesome (miracles constantly) but now it was time to let it go and venture into territory that to them was completely unknown.

Heb 11:8 - Abraham went out: "Not knowing where he was going" – A moving out from the familiar into the unknown.

The spirit of The Pioneer.

My own milestones and now an enlarged team – not done in Australia before. God wants you to **pioneer**.

God wants you to be a pioneer, not an imitator!

God is preparing us for eternity. Therefore our relationship of trust with Him must be **progressive**. That which we know we can do may require obedience (which of course, honours God), but faith demands something beyond obedience. It requires absolute trust.

And that level/degree of trust must be getting stretched for it to continue to grow.

The status quo may be comfortably familiar but that is not where the fruit is.

5. It will involve opposition that will lift us into a greater level of personal authority and taking dominion.

That's why God allows that opposition.

The key to that victory is knowing the truth concerning your new commission and in whose authority you therefore stand.

Your degree of authority comes out of the degree of your conviction that you are, in that moment, under divine command. Not only that of Christ, but whoever His designated Apostolic oversight is to our lives.

Are we men & women under Divine Command? **The Centurion principle.**

We must keep in mind God's twin objectives:

- a. The possessing of new territory – the extension of His Kingdom
- b. The preparation of a vessel for eternity – the forging of the heart of an overcomer, the development of rulership and dominion within our spirit.

1Peter 4:12 - "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;
13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

Why?

1 John 3:2 – “When He is revealed, we shall be like Him!”

That “glory”, that “dominion”, that “authority”, will be yours!

Dan: Hardest 3 years, but greatest years of spiritual growth!

James 1:2-7, 12

² Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides.

³ You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colours.

⁴ So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

⁵ If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it.

⁶ Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who “worry their prayers” are like wind-whipped waves.

⁷ Don't think you're going to get anything from the Master that way,

¹² Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.

Psalm 23:5 – “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;”

“The Overcomer” POEM

6. It will involve greater fruitfulness and be more impacting than anything we have been involved with thus far.

John 15:2 – “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

Speaks directly to those who have already been fruitful (successful for the Kingdom) – it talks of pruning, but above all states the clear objective: “that we bear **more** fruit”.

You have born much fruit, but now **more** fruit. When Joshua went into the land: “yet more land”.

Parable of Talents - (Matthew 25:14)

What happens when he that had 5 talents gains 5 more?

a. He is commended, but

b. He is now accountable for the **10** talents to make them into **20**.

Matt 25:21 ‘His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things (*the gaining of 10 talents*), I will make you ruler over many things (*multiplying those 10 talents*). Enter into the joy of your lord.’

“few things” in comparison to the much that God had for him.

There is **always** more land to be possessed. Ongoing, continuous.

7. It will involve giving God room to express His supernatural, creative nature.

God is a Creator and He is supernatural, and He yearns to express that. Whatever we do must give Him room to do that which will bring about the awe and wonder of people at what **He** has done.

“Living a life that commands men to recognise His reality.”

Acts 1:5 – “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

“**baptised**” (‘baptizo’) – overwhelmed, fully wet. “Overwhelmed, saturated, by the Holy Spirit”

Acts 1:8 – “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

“**power**” (‘dunamis’) – miraculous power/strength/ability, “beyond the natural”, “**super-natural**”

Friends:

“Living a Supernatural Life”

Living a Holy Ghost directed and empowered life.

We were born to be **people of the supernatural.**

To **live a life daily** that reflects an empowerment for life that goes **beyond the natural** – beyond natural **ability**, beyond natural **talent**, beyond what we have **learnt** or have been **trained in**, beyond natural **resources**, beyond natural **health and strength.**

It is beyond the natural, **it is supernatural.**

Supernatural wisdom

Supernatural **ability**

Supernatural **understanding**

Supernatural **energy**

Supernatural **provision**

Supernatural **living!**

God wants to be God!

But **our humanity likes to stay in control.**

We don’t like to have that **scary feeling** of not being able to do it ourselves.

So the question must come: Who IS in control?

Do we really want to live a supernatural life?

You **cannot do it from the security** of your comfort zone, the limitations of your own humanity.

Who wants to walk on water?

And for those of you who have already walked on a sizeable lake, God wants to show you an ocean!

On board plane – Dictation of VOS

It is very progressive.

Acts 2:1-11

Acts 2:4 “filled” (‘pletho’) – “Influence, supply.” They spoke languages that they had never learnt, had absolutely NO knowledge of, because they were **“supplied”** by the Holy Spirit.

Note vs. 7 “amazed” (‘existemi’) – “outside of intelligent thought”, “utterly astounded”, “insane”.

Acts 4:8,13-16,31,33. Verse 8 Peter “supplied by the Holy Spirit”

Result: Great boldness/confidence

Great power/miraculous

Great grace (God’s supernatural favour!)

Verse 16 – It was “undeniable”

Conclusion: They ‘realised’ = “recognised”, (Acts 4:13) “they had been **with Jesus**” – Greek “sun” (soon) **“union/companionship but much closer”, “in order to produce resemblance”.**

Living a supernatural life/giving evidence of the Holy Spirit’s reality because we have a conviction of His reality.

- **Galatians 5:22-25** – “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”
- **John 16:7 “to your advantage”**
- **John 16:13-15** – Guide you, speak to you **directly** – not necessarily in a book!
- **John 16:13 “He will tell you things to come”**
- **Psalms 37:4** “He will plant desires into your heart”
- **John 14:17** – “with”, “beside”, “in” – Greek en = **“a fixed position”**

He **is** there but are we drawing from Him?

The Holy Spirit wants to:

1. Talk to us
2. Empower us

In order that we **live** beyond the limitations of our humanity – **“beyond the natural”, “live a supernatural life”.**

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- Young zealot didn't know any different

Administration & Helps – right in there with the Apostle and Prophet

1 Cor 12 vs 4-6, 11, 14-20, 27-29. You have the gift that you have by Divine Appointment.

“As He wills” – Not just the Apostle and Prophet.

He has set you into His body.

Therefore your life has a supernatural potential.

- “By the same Spirit”
- “the same God who works in all” whether you are a prophet or a book-keeper

I want to challenge you to believe to live a Supernatural Life.

Break the mindset that sees one service as spiritual and another as non-spiritual. All are spiritual, potentially.

Living beyond the natural.

“Living as one possessed by a supernatural force!” Every aspect of our life should reflect that.

Never confuse the nature of your occupation or function with living a supernatural life.

Live in a state of Holy Spirit alertness.

Live every day as one that is pregnant with the potential of a supernatural moment.

- A right decision
- A gift of wisdom
- An act of kindness
- A moment of discernment

Living life alert – Learn to seize the moment. “Is there a potential here for the Holy Spirit to be supernaturally involved?”

Man going home from church, buying ORIO cookies... but stayed alert! Check-out healings!

God is calling us to cultivate a new way of thinking that will unlock the supernatural potential within us.

We have to return to childlike faith – first love passion, an uncomplicated expectation of the miraculous.

My first love passion STORY.

Legal Exec. Angus Arblast. (Balance my background)

We need to go through life with Eyes to See and Ears to Hear. Looking for the opportunities.

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It will start small but with each response, there will come an increased boldness, and increased confidence in what you are hearing.

Practice Golden Moments!

Prov 3:5,6 – Acknowledge Him

You can live a supernaturally empowered life!

8. It will be for the Kingdom

Yes we will be blessed in the process, but the passion, the goal, the all-consuming objective is that God's Kingdom (His rule & dominion) be established up on the earth in the lives of men & women.

"Oh! To extend His Kingdom" must become our noble obsession.

Joshua 1:6 – "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them."

We are the generation that fulfils the hope of all previous generations. We are those that will bring about an establishment of His "Kingdom"

'**Basilea**' – Bringing to bear His rule, His influence, His dominion.

We must live for the Kingdom.

And, if we do, His promise to us is:

2 Corinthians 9:8 "And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in *all things*, may have an abundance for every good work."

"**abound**" ('perisseuo') – "super abound in quantity and quality, be in excess, be superfluous, excel, enough and to spare"

"**all**" ('pas') – "all, any, every, the whole, thoroughly, whatsoever, whosoever"

"**sufficiency**" ('autarkeia') – "satisfaction, a competence, totally sufficient"

This is not just money!

It is mentally, emotionally, spiritually, maritally, relationally, friends, employees, connections, health etc...

But, CONTEXT is one of generous abandoned giving into the Kingdom.

If the chapter is our passion, then verse 8 is our promise!

We must become as passionate about extending His Kingdom as the Muslims are about extending theirs!

God is only obligated to empower that which He has commissioned and that which will extend His Kingdom.

Your **motivation** is critical!

What are you building?

And for whom are you building it?

Build with eternity in mind!

9. It will be for His pleasure.

It is good to refocus on this. It is what we are created for.

Philippians 2:12 "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; **13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**"

"Kingdom" is what we do – but this is how we do it! This is attitudes, conversations, purity, motivations, lifestyle, integrity, exhibiting the Christ DNA. This is giving God a smile!

This is accurately representing the King as His ambassadors.

Christian Business people ought to have the BEST reputation!

10. It will be multi-generational in its impact.

If what you have is a commission from God, then it must be imparted to another generation. And imparted in such a way as to empower them to increase its impact for the Kingdom exponentially.

Are you building a business or building a ministry for the Kingdom?

Because if you are, you should be building it to outlast yourself. E.g. Steve.

The need to clarify:

Who has God called me to be?

What is my life-message?

What is my commission?

For a minister in the market-place, what does the Christ DNA look like?

What can I do to:

- a. Live that more fully, and
- b. Impart it into the lives of others more effectively

Am I merely satisfying my own need to feel successful, or am I building something for the Kingdom of God that is eternal?

Need to finish with:

Challenge: Take some specific time to allocate to **"Place your dream within me Lord"**

That which will demand of me that pioneer spirit once again.

Renew a fresh passion

Renew a fresh energy

Renew a fresh focus on the Kingdom

Renew a fresh sense of Divine Commission

An Attitude of Conquest!

The 2-Day Exercise