

Three Doors

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish:
but he that keeps the law, happy is he” (Proverbs 29:18).*

As I prayed about today’s message, I saw three numbered doors. (Door #1- Door #2- Door #3). As I prayed into it I heard: *You are either moving forward, standing still or falling behind. There are no other options.*

Suddenly the three doors made sense- Door #1 -moving forward; Door #2- standing still; Door #3 falling behind. Regardless of your situation, life continues and only when you move forward can you accomplish what God has called you to do. The good news is, which ever door you pick God will be there to help you.

On Tuesday, the Lord talked to us about the importance of moving forward. This now the 18th day straight of hearing, “Move Forward” at random times telling me there is yet something we need to hear.

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works” (James 2:17-18).

Lord- give us ears to hear, hearts to respond and courage to act upon it.

One of the greatest hindrances in moving forward is your MIND. God does not want you going through life looking in the rear view mirror (just incase your wondering that would be Door #3- falling behind). How you respond in your thoughts to life’s situations has a large impact on your present and on your future. Whether positive or negative, your thoughts are running around in the back of your mind trying to gain influence over the decisions you make.

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).

This means you must resist the negative by not allowing those thoughts or perceptions to interfere with God’s purposes in your life. *“It’s also important what you’re hearing to move forward to get your attention off what can consume you. It’s dying to self for the spiritual gain of your soul” (Rachael Martin).*

It’s doing whatever you need to do in order to line your spirit up with His ways. Sometimes there may be drastic or necessary actions you need to take! Which reminds me of when Hernan Cortés invaded Mexico in 1519.

He landed at Vera Cruz to begin his conquest of Mexico with small force of 700 men. He purposely set fire to his fleet of 11 ships. His men on the shore watched their only means of retreat sinking to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico. With no means of retreat, there was only one direction to go- forward. They continued moving forward into the Mexican interior to meet whatever might come their way.

As a disciple of Christ, sometimes you must purposefully destroy all avenues of that would cause you to stumble or move away from the purposes of God in your life. Victory in moving forward comes when you depend on God in prayer and then prepare yourself in extended effort.

God is calling you to move forward by faith. Choose to trust God, knowing that whatever happens He will take care of you. "For you walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

You don't have all the answers, but you can move forward based on what you hear God saying! It's time now to look ahead and focus on what's before you. God wants to do a new thing in you and as He does, you will rise up even higher in your potential in Him.

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