

The Dash to Eternity

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“For you, a thousand years are as yesterday! They are like a few hours! You sweep people away like dreams that disappear or like grass that springs up in the morning. In the morning it blooms and flourishes, but by evening it is dry and withered...Teach us to make the most of our time, so that we may grow in wisdom.”

Psalm 90:5-6, 12 (NLT)

Components of Making Your Ordinary Life an Adventurous Partnership

1. God _____ with a call.

Read Hebrews 11 for a summary of many Old Testament examples.

2. Your _____ to God’s call.

We fail to respond because of three types of fear.

Fear of _____

“Then the Lord turned to him and said, ‘Go with the strength you have and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!’ ‘But Lord,’ Gideon replied, ‘how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family.’”

Judges 6:14-15 (NLT)

Fear of _____

“But the other men who had explored the land with him answered, ‘We can’t go up against them! They are stronger than we are!’ So they spread discouraging reports about the land among the Israelites: ‘The land we explored will swallow up any who go to live there. All the people we saw were huge. We even saw giants there...we felt like grasshoppers next to them, and that’s what we looked like to them.’”

Numbers 13:31-33 (NLT)

Fear of _____

“Then the servant with the one bag of gold came and said, ‘Sir, I know you are a hard man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth and here it is.’”

Matthew 25:24-25 (NLT)

3. God gives you a _____.

To Gideon: “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.”

Judges 6:16 (NIV)

To Joshua: “Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. The Lord your God is with you.” Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

Jesus said: “Look at the birds. They don’t need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because your heavenly Father feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than they are...Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.”

Matthew 6:26,32-33 (NLT)

4. You have to _____.

“Only people who say yes to the challenge and demand and risk an adventure of life with God, only people who say yes to the challenge ever feel fully alive. Comfort never made anybody feel alive down to the tips of their toes.”

John Ortberg

5. Your life is _____.

“When they saw the courage of Peter & John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”

Acts 4:13