



**UNDAUNTED:
DARING TO DO WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO!**



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INTRODUCTION:

QUOTE: “I HAVE LEARNED THAT SUCCESS IS TO BE MEASURED NOT SO MUCH BY THE POSITION THAT ONE HAS REACHED IN LIFE AS BY THE OBSTACLES WHICH ONE HAS OVERCOME WHILE TRYING TO SUCCEED.” – BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

HAVE YOU EVER KNOWN SOMEONE -- PERHAPS EVEN A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAD SO MUCH POTENTIAL AND PURPOSE ON THE INSIDE OF THEM, BUT THEY JUST COULD NOT REACH INSIDE OF THEMSELVES AND PULL IT OUT? THEY SPENT THEIR ENTIRE LIFE SITTING ON THE SIDELINE WATCHING THE GAME INSTEAD OF PLAYING IN THE GAME WHILE EVERYONE ELSE AROUND THEM WALKED IN THEIR DESTINY. THEY SIMPLY LET THINGS HAPPEN, INSTEAD OF MAKING THINGS HAPPEN. YOU TALKED UNTIL YOU WERE BLUE IN THE FACE. YOU BOUGHT BOOKS, CD's AND DVD's HOPING THE MESSAGE WOULD BE BETTER RECEIVED BY ANOTHER VOICE OTHER THAN YOURS AND YET THEY STILL REMAINED RIGHT WHERE THEY WERE – NO MOTIVATION, NO AMBITION, NO GOAL, AND NO DIRECTION – MERELY EXISTING AND NOT REALLY LIVING!

IT'S ONE THING TO KNOW THAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM, BUT ANOTHER THING NEVER TO BE DARING ENOUGH TO DO IT! EVERY WOMAN HERE TODAY WAS BORN WITH DESTINY AND PURPOSE IN YOUR GENETIC MAKE-UP. IT'S PART OF YOUR DNA. IT IS A GIVEN. IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW YOU GOT HERE. GOD ALLOWED YOU TO BE HERE AND HE HAS CALLED YOU TO SOMETHING GREATER THAN YOURSELF!

YOU ARE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE UNDAUNTED AND DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. UNDAUNTED WOMEN, YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE FOR THIS SEASON AND THIS HOUR. **(JEREMIAH 29:11)** SAYS, “FOR I KNOW THE THOUGHTS THAT I THINK TOWARD YOU, SAITH THE LORD, THOUGHTS OF PEACE, AND NOT OF EVIL, TO GIVE YOU AN EXPECTED END.” THERE IS A RIGHTFUL PLACE FOR YOU IN THE KINGDOM! GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND A DIVINE DESTINY. HE CREATED YOU WITH A FREE WILL TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF. YOU ALONE HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT OR EASY BASED ON THE CHOICES YOU MAKE.

KEY QUESTION: ARE YOU UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO? [TURN TO THE SISTER NEXT TO YOU AND TELL HER, “I TRIPLE DARE YOU.”

BODY:

THE LATE **DR. MARCUS HAROLD MORGAN**, PASTOR OF EMERALD AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHICAGO, IL IN ONE OF HIS SERMONS SAID, “THAT OF ALL THE FORMS OF READING AND ALL THE FORMS OF LITERATURE AND READING IS THAT GENRE THAT IS KNOWN AS BIOGRAPHY. AND WHAT DR. MORGAN SAID WAS THAT WHEN YOU AND I READ THE LIFE STORY OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO PERSERVERED, WHO PRESSED ON, WHO INSPITE OF WHAT THEY WENT THROUGH, STILL ACHIEVED AND ACCOMPLISHED, IT REMINDS US THAT WE NEVER HAVE TO GIVE UP BECAUSE THE GREATER ONE IS INSIDE OF US AND THE VICTORY IS ALREADY OURS TO HAVE.”

LET’S TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU PERSONALLY FEEL CAN HINDER YOU FROM BEING UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO.

[AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION]**UN·DAUNT·ED** (ADJECTIVE)

NOT INTIMIDATED OR DISCOURAGED BY DIFFICULTY, DANGER, OR DISAPPOINTMENT, AUDACIOUS, BOLD, BRAVE, CONFIDENT, COURAGEOUS, DARING, DAUNTLESS, FEARLESS, GRITTY, GUTSY, INDOMITABLE, INTREPID, SPUNKY, UNABASHED, UNAFRAID, UNDISMAYED, UNFLINCHING, UNSHRINKING, VALIANT

NOTE: WE’VE GOT THREE WOMEN WHO WILL SHARE A BRIEF TESTIMONY TODAY ABOUT FOLLOWING GOD’S CALL UPON THEIR LIFE. THE FIRST WOMAN IS ...

VALERIE DOYLE - FACILITATED “HEALING FOR WOMEN: SEX AND LOVE ADDICTION” WORKSHOP AT A YOUNG AGE, GOD CALLED VALERIE TO SHARE HIS GOOD NEWS OF HEALING, DELIVERANCE AND TRANSFORMATION. HOWEVER, SHE DID NOT RESPOND TO THE CALL UNTIL THE AGE OF 40. EVENTUALLY, VALERIE LEFT CORPORATE AMERICA, AFTER 16 YEARS. CURRENTLY, SHE SERVES AS THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS & PROGRAM OFFICER FOR A CHRISTIAN NON- PROFIT AND SHE MAINTAINS A PRIVATE PRACTICE AS A PSYCHOTHERAPIST AND LIFE COACH.

1. WHAT CAUSED YOU TO DELAY YOUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S CALL ON YOUR LIFE?
2. WHAT ARE 2-3 OBSTACLES/BARRIERS/CHALLENGES THAT YOU FACED IN FULFILLING YOUR DREAM TO BECOME THERAPIST?
3. WHAT WORDS OF WISDOM DO YOU OFFER WOMEN IN TERMS OF PURSUING GOD’S CALL UPON THEIR LIFE?

DEBORAH HAMM – FACILITATED “THERE IS AN ENCOURAGER WITHIN YOU” WORKSHOP

SHE WORKS FULL-TIME AS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT AT ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH. AS A CHILD GOD BIRTHED IN HER A DESIRE TO WRITE. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS. BY HER OWN ACCOUNT, TWO WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, HER LATEST BOOK IS ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS AS A RESULT OF HER DECISION TO OBTAIN A PUBLISHER INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO SELF-PUBLISH HER BOOKS.

1. WHAT ARE 2-3 OBSTACLES/BARRIERS/CHALLENGES THAT YOU FACED IN FULFILLING YOUR DREAM TO BECOME AN AUTHOR?
2. HOW DID YOU OVERCOME THEM?
3. WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE WOMEN IN TERMS OF BEING UNDAUNTED IN FOLLOWING THEIR DREAMS?

ANGELA REDDOCK

SERVES AS CHAIRPERSON OF SOCIAL CONCERNS, FOR THE CSBC WOMEN’S MINISTRY. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF OUR OWN PRESIDENT WILMA. AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 25, ANGELA BEGAN PRACTICING LAW. SHE IS CALLED THE “WORKPLACE GURU” AND IS A LEADING AUTHORITY ON WORKPLACE ISSUES. IN 2011, ANGELA LAUNCHED HER OWN LAW FIRM SPECIALIZING IN EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR LAW. ADDITIONALLY, ANGELA IS ACTIVE IN HER COMMUNITY AND HAS HELD VARIOUS POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS.

1. WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO PRACTICE LAW AND START YOUR OWN LAW FIRM?
2. WHAT ARE 2-3 OBSTACLES/BARRIERS/CHALLENGES THAT YOU FACED IN PURSING YOUR PASSION?
3. FOR THE WOMAN WHO WANTS TO BE “ALL” THAT GOD HAS DESIGNED AND DESTINED HER TO BE, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE?

ANITA LATIN (TESTIMONY ABOUT ACCEPTING AND PURSUING HER CALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL)

I AM A PASTOR’S KID AND WAS ALSO A PASTOR’S WIFE. MY FATHER WAS AN OLD-SCHOOL PREACHER WHO DIDN’T BELIEVE IN WOMEN MINISTERS. BECAUSE I KNEW HOW HE FELT, I LITERALLY WAITED THREE YEARS **AFTER** MY DAD PASSED AWAY TO COME FORTH AND ANNOUNCE MY CALL. WHILE I WAS A PASTOR’S WIFE, THERE WERE SOME LOCAL PASTOR’S WHO STOPPED FELLOWSHIPING BECAUSE THEY DIDN’T SUPPORT FEMALE CLERGY. WHILE OTHERS CONTINUED FELLOWSHIPING, I WAS NOT WELCOMED IN THE PULPIT NOR ACKNOWLEDGED AS CLERGY WITH MY MALE COUNTERPARTS. VISIONARY OF ALB, FOUNDER & CEO OF OVL & DOCTORAL CANDIDATE AT ABSW.

CHRISTINE KANE, AUTHOR OF *“UNDAUNTED: DARING TO DO WHAT GOD CALLED YOU TO DO”* SAYS, “GOD CHOOSES THE **UNLIKELY** TO DO THE **UNMAGINABLE**.” SHE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THERE ARE **5 WAITING TRAPS** THAT CAN HINDER YOU FROM DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. LET’S LOOK AT THEM NOW.

[WAITING TRAP #1 - WAITING FOR PERMISSION]

WAITING FOR PERMISSION IS BASED IN A PARADIGM THAT SAYS OTHERS WHO ARE MORE SIGNIFICANT, MORE IMPORTANT, MORE REAL THAN YOU GET TO GRANT YOU PERMISSION TO MAKE THE DECISION TO BE UNDAUNTED AND DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. THE THING IS, NO ONE CAN GIVE YOU PERMISSION BUT YOU. YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE IN YOUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

[WAITING TRAP #2 - WAITING FOR PERFECTION]

YOU CAN GET STUCK IN THIS TRAP WHEN YOU WAIT FOR A MORE PERFECT MODEL OF YOURSELF TO EMERGE. SOME NEW AND IMPROVED VERSION OF YOURSELF HAS TO SHOW UP BEFORE YOU CAN CHARGE MORE OR DARE HOST A LIVE EVENT. SOMEONE WITH LESS FAT, MORE SMARTS, MORE SELF-ESTEEM, LESS ANXIETY...AND ON AND ON. **IMAGINE THIS:** YOU ARE ENOUGH RIGHT NOW! **[TELL THE SISTER SITTING NEXT TO YOU, “IF IT WASN’T FOR YOU, I’D BE THE MOST PERFECT PERSON IN HERE!”]** LISTEN, PERFECTION IS JUST A CONVENIENT ILLUSION THAT KEEPS YOU FROM HAVING TO TAKE ACTION.

[WAITING TRAP #3 - WAITING FOR CERTAINTY]

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND YOURSELF SAYING THESE WORDS? *“I WON’T MOVE A MUSCLE UNTIL I’VE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS A NO-RISK, NO-CHANCE-FOR-FAILURE DECISION.”* WELL, MAYBE NOT THOSE EXACT WORDS BUT SIMILIAR. ISN’T THERE SOME DIVINE SIGN THAT GUARANTEES I’M MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION? NO! NEVER! THAT’S WHY YOU ARE THE SERVANT LEADER AT YOUR CHURCH, THE MANAGER AT YOUR WORK, THE ENTREPRENUER IN YOUR CITY. YOU SIMPLY GOTTA HAVE FAITH! **QUESTION: “WHAT DOES HEBREW 11:1 TELLS US ABOUT FAITH?”**

[WAITING TRAP #4 - WAITING FOR RESCUE]

AH, THE DAMSEL. WAITING IN HER TOWER. YOUR TOWER IS YOUR IDEA. YOU WAIT IN THE TOWER BECAUSE YOU’RE SCARED. AFTER ALL, THERE’S UNCHARTED TERRITORY ALL AROUND. THE LESSON EVERY SUCCESSFUL PERSON LEARNS: NO ONE IS COMING. RESCUE YOURSELF. DO THE UNCOMFORTABLE WORK.

TRAP #5 - WAITING FOR DISCOVERY]

IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR DISCOVERY, IT'S NOT ENTIRELY YOUR FAULT. THE THING IS, THE BEING DISCOVERED ROUTINE NO LONGER APPLIES. SUCCESS, NOWADAYS, IS PLAYED ON A LEVEL FIELD. *EVERYONE* HAS ACCESS. NO PUBLISHER OR AGENT STANDS IN THE WAY OF YOU MAKING YOUR OFFER! YOU ARE THE GATEKEEPER. YOU ARE AFRAID TO FAIL. DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S WORSE? GIVING YOUR DESTINY OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE. YOU HAVE TO DISCOVER YOURSELF.

EACH OF THESE WAITING TRAPS PLACES THE POWER EXACTLY WHERE YOU DON'T WANT IT: OUTSIDE OF YOU. THE WAITING TRAPS CAN ONLY OPERATE IF YOU GIVE YOUR POWER OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE OR TO AN ILLUSION. KNOWING THIS, YOU CAN NOW ASK YOURSELF WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE IF YOU HAD THE POWER? WHAT WOULD YOUR VERY NEXT STEP BE?

[QUESTION: ARE YOU UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO?]

LET'S NOW EXAMINE THREE STRATEGIES THAT WILL HELP YOU BECOME UNDAUNTED AND DARING:

I. ACKNOWLEDGE WHO/WHOSE YOU ARE

II. ALIGN YOURSELF WITH GOD'S PURPOSE

III. ACTIVATE GOD'S PURPOSE

I. ACKNOWLEDGE WHO/WHOSE YOU ARE

(YOU BELONG TO GOD; THEREFORE YOU CANNOT DECIDE YOUR DESTINY. YOUR DESTINY WAS PLANNED AND DESIGNED BY GOD.) **(PHILIPPIANS 1:6)** – “BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST:”

WHEN GOD CREATED YOU, HE PUT IN YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO BE UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. YOU HAVE THE TALENT, THE CREATIVITY & THE ABILITY. YOU ARE FULL OF DISCIPLINE, DETERMINATION & DILIGENCE. THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE HAS CROWNED YOU WITH HIS FAVOR. MEDITATE ON THE FACT THAT ALMIGHTY GOD BREATHED HIS LIFE INTO YOU. HE HAS ALREADY EQUIPPED AND EMPOWERED YOU. GOD DOES NOT CALL THE EQUIPPED, HE EQIPS THE CALLED. YOU MAY HAVE DIFFICULTIES, BUT IT’S NOT A SURPRISE TO GOD. HE HAS EQUIPPED YOU, AND YOU ARE WELL ABLE DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO! **(EPHESIANS 1)** - TELLS YOU THAT THE GOD AND FATHER OF YOUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS ALREADY... BLESSED YOU WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST: ACCORDING AS HE HATH CHOSEN YOU IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT YOU SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE: HAVING PREDESTINATED YOU UNTO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN BY JESUS CHRIST TO HIMSELF, ACCORDING TO THE GOOD PLEASURE OF HIS WILL, TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE **(VS 3-6)**.

GOD DIDN'T WAIT UNTIL YOU WERE BORN TO FIGURE OUT A DESTINY FOR YOU. BEFORE YOU EVER GOT TO EARTH, GOD HAD A PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE. YOU ARE NOT A PRODUCT OF TIME. YOU ARE A PRODUCT OF ETERNITY. GOD HAS PLUCKED YOU OUT OF ETERNITY, HE HAS POSITIONED YOU IN TIME AND GIVEN YOU GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR SERVING OUR GENERATION. EVERY ONE OF YOU WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD WITH INCREDIBLE VALUE, INCREDIBLE PURPOSE AND INCREDIBLE DESTINY.

YOU MIGHT LOOK AT YOURSELF AND WONDER WHY GOD WOULD EVER CHOOSE SOMEONE LIKE YOU TO REVEAL HIS GREATNESS. IN LIGHT OF ALL THE MISTAKES YOU MAY HAVE MADE AND ALL THE WEAKNESSES YOU SEE IN YOURSELF, WHY WOULD GOD EVER THINK YOU COULD BE LIKE HIM? **(EPH. 2:10)** – “FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH ORDAINED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.” GOD MADE YOU, CHOSE YOU, AND WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU. HE CALLED AND SAVED YOU. YOU WERE DESTINED TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD AROUND YOU; A WORLD FILLED WITH DARKNESS AND HOPLESSNESS. YOU AND I ARE AN ANSWER TO SOMEBODY ELSE’S PRAYER. YOU ARE FEARLESS AND FAITHFUL! NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD. THEREFORE THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR AND NOTHING TO LOOSE.

[QUESTION: ARE YOU UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO?]

II. ALIGN YOURSELF WITH GOD'S PURPOSE

(IT IS HIS WILL THAT WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN)

(HABAKKUK 2:3) – “FOR THE VISION *IS* YET FOR AN APPOINTED TIME; BUT AT THE END IT WILL SPEAK, AND IT WILL NOT LIE. THOUGH IT TARRIES, WAIT FOR IT; BECAUSE IT WILL SURELY COME, IT WILL NOT TARRY.

GOD NEVER CHANGES HIS PLAN, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL ALIGN YOUR WILL WITH HIS. THAT SIMPLY MEANS YOU HAVE TO CONNECT YOURSELF TO THE POWER SOURCE. AND WHEN YOU'RE TOTALLY CONNECTED TO THE POWER SOURCE, YOU'RE NO LONGER OPERATING IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH, BUT YOU ARE DRAWING POWER FROM THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

(ECCLESIASTES 6:10) – “WHATEVER ONE IS, HE HAS BEEN NAMED ALREADY, FOR IT IS KNOWN THAT HE *IS* MAN; AND HE CANNOT CONTEND WITH HIM WHO IS MIGHTIER THAN HE.”

I KNOW SOMETIMES DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO IS HARD ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE UP TO YOUR EYEBALLS IN THE DAILY DEMANDS OF LIVING. WHEN IT'S ALL YOU CAN DO JUST TO DEAL WITH THE BILLS... AND THE KIDS...AND THE JOB, LIFE CAN SEEM ANYTHING BUT DIVINE. YOU CAN BE TEMPTED TO WONDER IF YOU'RE DESTINED TO BE OR DO ANYTHING TRULY GREAT. YOU CAN BE TEMPTED TO DECIDE THAT EVEN IF YOU HAD SUCH A DESTINY, YOU JUST DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO FULFILL IT. ALMIGHTY GOD NEEDS YOU TO BE DAUNTING AND DARING TO DO WHAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO — BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO WILL NEVER SEE HIM OR KNOW HIM UNLESS THEY SEE HIM AND KNOW HIM THROUGH YOU.

(PHILIPPIANS 2:13) – “FOR IT IS GOD WHO WORKS IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.”

YOU'VE GOT TO PRAY AND ASK GOD TO OPEN UP YOUR EYES SO YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU. ONCE YOU SEE THE PURPOSE AND PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE, EVERYTHING ELSE IN YOUR LIFE WILL BEGIN TO ALIGN WITH THAT – YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS, YOUR SPEECH, YOUR ACTIONS, THE PEOPLE YOU ASSOCIATE WITH, WHAT YOU DO WITH YOUR TIME WHEN YOU'RE ALONE! YOU'LL BEGIN TO DRAW CLOSER TO GOD IN PRAYER FOR DIRECTION, FOR WISDOM, FOR DISCERNMENT AND FOR INSTRUCTION SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DO WHAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO! YOU MUST LIVE ON PURPOSE WITH A PURPOSE. PLUG IN TO THE POWER SOURCE AND WATCH WHAT GOD CAN DO IN AND THROUGH YOUR LIFE! **[QUESTION: ARE YOU UNDAUNTED AND DARING ...]**

III. ACTIVATE GOD'S PURPOSE

(JUST DO IT!)

(PHILIPPIANS 4:13) – “I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHEN ME.”

TO ACTIVATE SOMETHING SUGGESTS ACTION! HOW DO YOU ACTIVATE GOD'S PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE? STEP OUT ON FAITH, OBEY THE COMMAND OF GOD, AND DARE TO DO WHAT HE HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. YOU ARE ADVENTUROUS, COURAGEOUS, BOLD AND FEARLESS. IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO AND NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT IT BUT BEING ABOUT IT!

YOU HAVE TO HAVE A DIVINE IMAGE INSIDE YOU, AN IMAGE OF YOURSELF DOING THE WORKS THAT GOD CALLED YOU TO DO AND MOVE BOLDLY EXPECTING THAT IMAGE TO BECOME REALITY. REFUSE TO LET FEAR STOP YOU. FEAR WILL MESS UP THE THINGS OF GOD. FEAR WILL KEEP YOU FROM MOVING IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IF YOU LET IT. THAT'S WHY ANY TIME FEAR SHOWS ITS UGLY HEAD, YOU MUST STOP RIGHT THERE AND DEAL WITH IT. “FEAR” IS SIMPLY **FALSE EXPECTATION APPEARING REAL**.

(I CORINTHIANS 2:9) – “BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN: “EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

DO NOT LET ANYTHING STOP YOU! RIGHT IN THE MIDST OF ALL THE DAILY DEMANDS OF LIFE, RISE UP IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE AND BEGIN TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. GET OUT YOUR BIBLE AND DEVELOP THAT DIVINE IMAGE INSIDE YOU. SEE YOURSELF MINISTERING IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. SEE YOURSELF DOING THE VERY WORKS OF JESUS—THE WORKS HE SAID YOU WERE DESTINED TO DO. THEN LET THE VERY LOVE OF GOD MOVE YOU TO STEP OUT IN FAITH AND DO WHAT THE SPIRIT LEADS YOU TO DO. DO IT IN LOVE. DO IT BY FAITH. AND DO IT WITH HOPE, CONFIDENTLY EXPECTING GOD TO KEEP HIS WORD. DARE TO FULFILL YOUR DESTINY AND THE WORLD WILL SEE JESUS THROUGH YOU.

IN A NUTSHELL ... TO ACTIVATE GOD'S PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE SIMPLY MEANS “JUST DO IT!” YOU KNOW YOU BELONG TO HIM, HE HAS REVEALED WHAT HE WANTS YOU TO DO, NOW JUST DO IT! EVEN IF YOU STUMBLE AND FALL, EVEN IF IT DOES NOT GO RIGHT THE FIRST TIME AROUND, TRY AND TRY AGAIN! NEVER GIVE UP! NEVER GIVE IN! NEVER GIVE OUT! YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS WITH CHRIST! KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE AND DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO!

CONCLUSION:

ARE YOU CONVINCED THAT YOU CAN DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO – NOT IN YOUR OWN POWER BUT (**MATTHEW 19:26B**) - ... WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.” I HAVE A FEW WITNESSES THAT NEED TO SHARE THEIR TESTIMONIES:

DEBORAH: THE WOMAN WHO WAS A FEARLESS PATRIOT**HER NAME MEANS: “A BEE”**

EVEN THOUGH **DEBORAH** WAS AN EFFECTIVE AGITATOR WHO STIRRED UP ISRAEL’S CONCERN ABOUT ITS LOW SPIRITUAL CONDITION, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY, **DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO** AND ACT ON THE PASSION INSIDE OF YOU CONCERNING THE LOW SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF OUR WORLD.

PHOEBE: THE WOMAN WHO WORE THE BADGE OF KINDNESS**HER NAME MEANS: BRIGHT AND RADIANT**

EVEN THOUGH **PHOEBE** WAS THE UNSELFISH, LIBERAL HELPER OF THE SAINTS, CONSPICUOUS FOR HER WORKS OF CHARITY AND ALSO HOSPITALITY, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY, YOU TOO CAN OPEN THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART GENEROUSLY TO THE LESS FORTUNATE, THE DOWNTRODDEN AND THE OUTCAST. EVERYTIME YOU GET A CHANCE, **DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO** AND SHARE CHRIST THROUGH THE LOVE YOU DISPLAY ONE TO ANOTHER!

DORCAS: THE WOMAN WHOSE DRESSMAKING MADE HER FAMOUS**HER NAME MEANS: GAZELLE**

EVEN THOUGH **DORCAS** USED HER FINGERS AND HER FUNDS FOR THE COMFORT AND RELIEF OF THE NEEDY, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY, **DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO** AND STIR UP THE GIFT THAT GOD HAS PLANTED IN YOU TO BRING HIM GLORY AND TO BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST!

ABIGAIL: THE WOMAN WITH BEAUTY AND BRAINS**HER NAME MEANS: CAUSE OF JOY**

EVEN THOUGH **ABIGAL** WAS A WOMAN OF GOOD UNDERSTANDING, A BEAUTIFUL COUNTENANCE AND GREAT INTELLIGENCE, I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY, **DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO** AND USE THE WISDOM GOD GAVE YOU AND ALWAYS BRING JOY WHEREVER YOU GO.

Jael: THE WOMEN WHO KILLED A MAN WHILE HE SLEPT

HER NAME MEANS: "WILD OR MOUNTAIN GOAT"

AND EVEN THOUGH **Jael** PERFORMED A DEED THAT WAS NOT ALLOTTED TO DIVINE LEADING, SHE WAS STILL CONSIDERED COURAGEOUS AND SKILLED. I WANT TO SAY TO YOU TODAY, **DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO** AND REMEMBER THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY FALL DOWN, YOU CAN GET BACK UP AGAIN BECAUSE OUR GOD IS A GOD OF ANOTHER CHANCE!

I'VE SHARED A MINUSCULE BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE LIVES OF OUR BIBLICAL PREDECESSORS – JUDGE & PROPHETESS DEBORAH, DEACONNESS PHOEBE, NEW TESTAMENT DISCIPLE DORCAS, AMBASSADOR ABIGAIL AND SISTER SOLDIER Jael.

WHAT IS IT WITHIN YOU THAT IS STOPPING YOU FROM DOING WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO? MAKE A DECISION FROM THIS DAY FORWARD TO BE DISCIPLINED, DETERMINED, DILIGENT AND UNDAUNTED AND DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO!

LEARN TO REST IN WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO. IF YOU ARE A DREAMER – THEN DREAM. IF YOU ARE A PLANNER... THEN PLAN. IF GOD PUTS VISION IN YOUR HEART – BE A VISIONARY. BUT IF YOU ARE A DAILY PERSON, DO ALL YOU CAN EACH AND EVERY DAY TO PLEASE GOD. WALK IN THE ASSURANCE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SOMEONE YOU ARE NOT. YOU ONLY HAVE TO BE DARING AND DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO.

TODAY, IF YOU'RE FEELING LIKE YOU'VE BLOWN IT, IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE TOO OLD, TOO FAR GONE OR TOO FAR OFF TRACK, KNOW THAT NOTHING YOU'VE DONE, NO MISTAKE THAT YOU'VE MADE — OR EVER WILL MAKE — IS A SURPRISE TO GOD. HE'S ALREADY GOT IT FIGURED OUT. HE'S ARRANGED A COMEBACK FOR EVERY SETBACK! YOUR SETBACK CAN SOMETIMES BE A SET UP FOR YOUR STEPUP! HE HAS GRACE FOR EVERY WEAKNESS. HE HAS MERCY FOR EVERY FAILURE. HIS GIFTS ARE IRREVOCABLE, SO RISE UP IN FAITH AND DARE TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO DO!

I TRIPLE DARE YOU!

MY PERSONAL AFFIRMATION

I DECREE AND DECLARE ON THIS 24TH DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2015 THAT I, _____,

KNOW WHO I AM AND WHOSE I AM

I KNOW WHAT GOD'S PURPOSE IS FOR MY LIFE

I HAVE FREE WILL TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR MYSELF

I HAVE STRENGTH TO OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES

I REFUSE TO LET FEAR STOP ME

I WILL NOT LET DOUBT BLOCK ME

I WILL NOT WAIT FOR PERMISSION

I WILL NOT WAIT FOR PERFECTION

I WILL NOT WAIT FOR CERTAINTY

I WILL NOT WAIT FOR RESCUE

I WILL NOT WAIT FOR DISCOVERY

I WILL ACTIVATE GOD'S PURPOSE AND DIVINE DESTINY IN MY LIFE

I AM ADVENTUROUS, COURAGEOUS, BOLD AND FEARLESS

I AM BRAVE AND CONFIDENT

I AM UNDISMAYED, UNFLINCHING, AND UNSHRINKING

I AM THE UNLIKELY WHO GOD CHOSE TO DO THE UNMAGINABLE

I AM A VALIANT WOMAN OF GOD AND

I AM UNDAUNTED AND DARING TO DO WHAT GOD HAS CALLED ME TO DO!

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE AUDIENCE:

- 1) HOW CAN YOU KNOW FOR SURE THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO/BE SOMETHING VERSUS BEING PERSONALLY MOTIVATED TO PURSUE IT?
- 2) GOD HAS GIVEN ME A VISION FOR STARTING A MINISTRY IN MY LOCAL CHURCH, BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET MY PASTOR'S SUPPORT. WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE?
- 3) WHAT ARE YOU BEING LED TO DO? AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT?
- 4) WHAT OPPOSITION TO YOU ANTICIPATE ENCOUNTERING?
- 5) HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THIS UNCTION?
- 6) IS THERE ANYONE IN YOUR CHURCH, WORK OR HOME WHO YOU FEEL CAN BE A GREAT MENTOR AND COACH?
- 7) WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON ASKING?