

# He Thought His Divorce Would Debilitate Him and Stop His Kingdom Work, but God

“I look at most people and I see where they’ve had some type of setback,” says megachurch pastor Bob Sawvelle. “Whatever it may be, dramatic or not, sometimes it’s just their own lack of understanding of their identity in Christ that keeps them from moving forward.”

Sawvelle knows about setbacks. He endured a divorce that left him thinking it would debilitate him, and he would never step into the fulness of his kingdom purpose.

Only when he recognized God’s very different perspective on this situation did Sawvelle begin to realize his full potential in Christ. God didn’t see him as a failure, and Sawvelle now believed he could move forward in his calling and put the stumbling block behind him.

While on a brief hiatus as missionaries in Haiti in 1994, Sawvelle and his second wife, Carolyn, were touched by the Holy Spirit in meetings at the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship and then again in 1995 in meetings with Randy Clark. Eventually, the Sawvelles took over as senior pastors at Passion Church in Tucson, Arizona, which has experienced massive growth.

Sawvelle’s own growth in the Lord led him to write *Fulfill Your Dreams, Seize the Day and Be Extraordinary*, which offers principles to help believers fulfill dreams by embracing their purpose. Sawvelle discussed the book with host Chris Johnson on a recent edition of “Charisma Connection” on the Charisma Podcast Network.

“The more we can just keep our eyes on Jesus, who is the

author and finisher of our faith, and keep walking with Him, no matter what the setback may be or the hardships or the circumstances we face, along the way, our dreams can continue to unfold," Sawvelle explains.

Listen to the podcast to learn more about overcoming your setbacks and fulfilling your God-given dreams.