

Step Into Your Destiny

When it comes to running their race and fulfilling the dreams God has placed in their hearts, I believe a lot of Christians are stuck in the starting blocks. They aren't sure how a situation is going to turn out or exactly what they should do, so they do nothing.

Instead of running the race God has set out for them (Heb. 12:1), they are letting worry and anxiety keep them frozen at the starting line.

You see, God has an amazing plan for your life and so many good things in store for you—if you are willing to take a step.

God wants you to participate in the miracle He is doing in your life. If you think you're going to wake up one day and supernaturally be at the finish line, you're going to be disappointed. It doesn't work that way.

In our relationship with God, each one of us is given the great opportunity to walk out our faith. Just as Adam and Eve walked with God in the cool of the garden, or just as the disciples walked with Jesus on the roads of Galilee, we are called to walk with the Lord on a daily basis.

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But in order to walk, you have to do something—you have to take the steps God leads you to take. Every day, God is encouraging you to *go*—to step out, commit your plans to God and trust that He can help you be all that you can be, just as it says in Psalm 37 5 (NKJV): “Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.”

But many times, because we aren't sure of all the steps, we

don't even take the first one. We're waiting for God to tell us how the next five years of our lives are going to work out, and He is telling us what to do today.

I've learned in my relationship with God that He doesn't always give me the entire plan—He usually just gives me the next step. God keeps secrets and hides things from us so we will walk in faith and continue seeking Him. He always reveals what we need to know at the right time.

Your dream may be to have a ministry that reaches the world, but God is asking you to take step one—share the gospel with your neighbor across the street.

You may be praying that God will give you your own business, but God is asking you to take step one—show up for work on time and be faithful at the job you have now.

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You may be trying to figure out how to lose a certain amount of weight, but God wants you to take step one—exercise for 20 minutes today.

We have a tendency to get so wrapped up in the destination that we never even begin the journey! So, what is God asking you to do today? Faith is always active—*always*. It is not passive. Faith requires that you move forward into what God is telling you to do.

Sometimes people say to me, "Joyce, because I'm not 100% sure what God is saying to me, I'm afraid I'm going to take the wrong step."

I understand this concern, but did you spot a certain word in there? "Afraid." It is not the will of God for fear to rule in any area of your life—especially your walk with Him. Don't be

afraid to take a step because you think it will be the wrong one. God sees your heart. He knows that you are trying to please Him and live in obedience to His Word.

He is not a cruel, angry God who is going to punish you if you take a misstep along the way. He sees your heart is right, and you are trying to take a step toward His plan for your life. He is going to bless you for your desire to walk in your destiny.

So, take a step—God is waiting for you!

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