

Commit and Go!



“Commit your work to the Lord, and then your plans will succeed.”

Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)

Ever fall victim to hearing what you want to hear, not what’s actually said? Has it come around to sting you? I’ve rehearsed this Proverb in my head as, “Commit my plans to the Lord and they will succeed.” Being someone who loves to make plans, my selective interpretation was music to my ears! I bet I’ve read this Proverb 100 times but it wasn’t until my “101st” reading that what was really written stung me. This is about taking action! Plans are good but worthless without action, right?

"Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you say you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions?" James 2:14

James asks a challenging question...

*Reflect: **What do my actions say about my faith?***

What keeps us from taking action? Some, like me, gravitate to planning; working to get everything just right before stepping out. Will our plans ever yield a harvest?

"Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest." Ecclesiastes 11:4

Others get caught in this deceptive trap:

"Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?"

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:15-17

The Boxer works tirelessly to distract this group with activity (attending church, studying, discussing God's word, stewing about how broken the world is) yet they advance nothing. James calls this faith "dead and useless."

Then there are those of us who are simply afraid. What if I fall on my face? Will God really take care of me?

The lazy person claims, "There's a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!" Proverbs 22:13

Our "What if's" are paralyzing!

Consider: My faith is not faith at all unless it moves me to action.

Be careful not to misconstrue. True faith produces good deeds but the reverse is untrue. Nor can good deeds yield salvation. Kingdom impacting good deeds emanate from a deepening relationship with God and demonstrate true faith. As we move closer to God (Intimacy), our hearts become more like his. We begin see the world through his eyes and are moved to act.

Your Mission, and the motivation to advance it, emanates from such Intimacy. It changes what you do with your time by driving Jumps of faith on your Mission Curve.®



If your Mission is not advancing, if you are not taking action, you have allowed the Boxer to take the upper hand. To counter, boldly move closer to God with a heart willing to do whatever he tells you to do.

"Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was declared right with God because of what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the alter? You see, he was trusting God so much that he was willing to do whatever God told him to do. His faith was made complete by what he

did – by his actions.” James 2:21-22

Can you imagine Abraham’s faith as he lifted his blade to strike his son?

Imagine: Intimacy leading me to courageously do whatever God asks of me.

Have you committed to advance your Mission? Look at your actions...
What evidence do you see?

Make a move forward, but not in fear! Did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as his first act of faith?

“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.” Jesus Christ (Luke 16:10)

Likewise, God will ask you to take smaller Jumps of faith first. He just asks that you...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach’s Questions

Plan an hour of alone time with God and ask him,

- “What stands in the way of me taking action to advance my Mission?”
- “What promise of yours do I doubt?”
- “What step do I need to take this week to break free?” Commit to taking action on this step.

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

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“Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.” King David | Psalm 37:5-6



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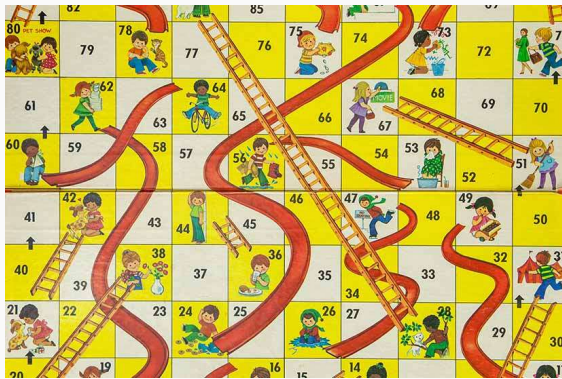
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