



Aim Higher



“I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference.”

Jesus Christ | Revelation 3:19 (NLT)

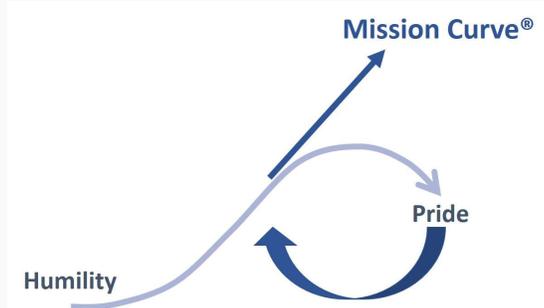
Excited, optimistic, and energized one minute, yet anxious, scared, doubting and excuse making the next. These are the Emotional Tensions we experience as we face a significant Mission Curve® Jump. Amid one as I write this, a word comes to mind that captures my past feelings best – a fool. A fool to give up a well-paying job that I am good at and respected for (more of a good thing is better, right?) Or a fool not to fervently pursue the Mission God laid on my heart (knowing its eternal implications.) In times like these I feel the depth of my brokenness fighting the height of my faith like no other. If only God would allow me to ignore him...ugh!

"And it is impossible to please God without faith." Hebrews 11:6

But how could a loving God leave me wallowing in the indifference of status quo; in the unfruitfulness of untested faith?

Reflect: Am I experiencing a period of indifference?

Progression through the Mission Curve® takes us on a journey from humility to pridefulness. What was once great and fruitful becomes self-centered and barren... an inevitable cycle. Testimonies grow cold, comfort settles in...



"You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich." Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:17-18)

Your enemy, the Boxer, knowing your potential, steps up his jabs, "You have what you need, life is good, only a fool would walk away from this!" Creating doubt, reinforcing self-reliance, he labors to hold you captive, distant from God.

"Though the Lord is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud." King David (Psalm 138:6)

Will you humble yourself anew to reignite your relationship with Jesus so you can hear him say, "Look at yourself, don't be a fool... buy gold from me instead!"

Consider: Indifference reveals that pride has caused me to grow distant from Jesus.

Is Jesus calling you to turn from your indifference and aim higher? While he promised you a rich and satisfying life, did he ever say walking his path (advancing your Mission) would be easy? He knocks at your door once again; will you open it? Will you make the turn upward to get back on Mission?

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne." Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:20-21)

Has self-reliance (under the guise of a good spiritual walk) made you lukewarm? Has pride made you unfruitful?

Jesus says, "Aim higher, join me. Follow my path and you will sit with me."

Imagine: Sitting with Jesus on his throne.

Aiming higher leads you to think of yourself less... More than mere words or a quick pivot of your thoughts, a difficult surrender is required. The release of worldly goods, income, recognition, etc. is hard, but even more difficult is relying on God to be there for you. Will he honor his promises? Is he even real? Will you trust him with your life? The lives of your family?

"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." Jesus Christ (John 15:12-14)

Having turned upward, surely the purifying fires will yield a bountiful harvest of Jesus' gold. This is not the path of a fool! No one voluntarily makes the choice to lay down their life for another, our self-love is so entrenched. Yet with each cycle of the Mission Curve® Jesus challenges us to take another turn upward, away from our prideful comforts, to follow him on his adventurous path.

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- When was my passion for Christ highest?
- How is my passion now compared to then? Has my indifference grown? Has my testimony cooled?
- What pride filled comfort must I release to break free of my indifference and get back on Mission?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

Resist the Boxer, Aim Higher

*"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.
My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life."
Jesus Christ | John 10:10*



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