

Special Men's Breakfast Series Wild at Heart: Becoming Men of God

Part Five: The Adventure to Live

There comes the baffling call of God in our lives. The call of God can never be stated explicitly; it is implicit. The call of God is like the call of the sea, no one hears it but the one who has the nature of the sea in him. It cannot be stated definitely what the call of God is to, because his call is to be in comradeship with himself for his own purposes, and the test is to believe that God knows what he is after. (My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers)

Every man that lives on the face of this earth longs for an adventure to live or to be a part of. Each man longs to be challenged to the limit in such way that the adrenaline kicks in for sheer survival. We look around us today and secretly each of us asks the question deep in our heart: "Where is my adventure? Will I ever have another? Do I even have enough strength or energy?" Before the words even complete the thought process in our minds, Satan is already working on our hearts saying: "The Adventure is Gone. The new chapter begins and to find adventure you must break a few of the rules: LUST, ADULTRY, PORNOGRAPHY, ALCOHOL, and DRUGS."

The Adventure to Come

Each of us long for adventure and when faced with the challenge of Satan many yield to temptation and destroy their lives while others simply choose to stop living their lives. Some men choose to become a doormat for the world but God has response for all of us. God's response is: **YOUR GREATEST ADVENTURE IS YET TO COME!**

- *What is the greatest adventure that you have been on?*
- *What is the greatest adventure that you have dreamed of going on?*
- *What is the "Greatest Adventure" according to God?*
 - *Why do men not recognize this adventure or accept this adventure? Explain.*

The Greatest Adventure that we could ever embrace in our lives comes to us the moment that we yield our hearts to the will of God. The Greatest Adventure does not start with a shout of *Independence* but rather with the whispering prayer of *Allegiance*. Do not make the mistake that the man on his knees before God in prayer or the one laying prostrate before his Creator in Worship are weak, adventure-less men with no direction or excitement in their lives. These are often the men that have the *most* excitement in their lives. The funny thing is that these are also the men that look the most ordinary of all men. Think about those famous disciples that were simple fishermen.

Matthew 4:19 – "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

These two disciples, Peter and Andrew, were simple fishermen that ventured into the greatest journey of their lives when they chose to follow Jesus Christ. It is a fact that the greatest adventure in life is found in the form of living a life devoted to Christ through unconditional faith.

- *What are some examples in which God uses ordinary men to accomplish extraordinary tasks for Him? Biblical Accounts and Historical Accounts?*
- *How could or does this encourage your faith?*

The Greatest Adventure of Possibility

I have always admired the men and women that I read about in God's Hall of Fame found in Hebrews 11. This Hall of Fame is littered with men and women of great faith and devotion to the one that they could not always see but always knew existed.

- *How do you define faith in God from a Christian perspective?*

Hebrews 1:1-2 – Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

The Greatest Adventure that you are called to live Begins and Ends with **FAITH**. If you want to see what kind of adventure lays before you as a Man of God then read through Hebrews 11 today and be encouraged and challenged by the adventure these men and women of God chose to pursue in their lives. Read these two excerpts from **Hebrews 11:13-16, 32-40**.

Heb. 11:13-16 – ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Heb. 11:32-40 – ³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. ³⁷ They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. ⁴⁰ God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

The Adventure that you are longing for in your life does not have to be sought out but rather it must be accepted and pursued. God has placed you in the midst of an adventure and he is wanting you to open your eyes, accept the task before you, and pursue Him with you entire heart, mind, and soul.

Men of Faith are truly **Men of Adventure** and they do not have the word **IMPOSSIBLE** in their vocabulary because **Men of Faith** realize that possibility is the only option through their Heavenly Father. If He is in the great task that He has placed before them then it will be a **SUCCESS** in His eyes. There is absolutely no task that is impossible for God to accomplish, there is no stronghold that God cannot break, and there is no adventure that is too great for the Creator to create.

Matthew 19:26 – Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Men of God, do whatever it takes to bring yourself to such a level of faith that the word **IMPOSSIBLE** is ushered out of your present state of mind by the encompassing promise and power of the Holy Spirit. Impossibility and God cannot exist in the same moment because the Creator will not allow it. You long for adventure and your adventure is waiting for you as you embark on this great journey of faith.

- *As Men of God, how can we remove the word **IMPOSSIBLE** from our lives?*
- *Why is this important for us to achieve? Explain.*

The Adventure Begins

Our lesson does not end with a conclusion but rather it ends with a beginning. We have been challenged as Men of God to become Men of Faith and as Men of Faith we have been challenged to be Men of Action. The last question that you must ask yourself is simple and powerful if answered correctly: *What action will I take from the moment forward?*

Begin your Adventure today, God is waiting for you, your heart is waiting for your, and your Adventure is waiting for you but it starts all with YOU!



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