

REHOBOTH OPEN BIBLE CHURCH

Devotionals for 21 Day Fast

OWN THE PURSUIT

DAY 5: Thursday, January 20th— *Burn your plow.....*

1Kings 19:21

A Call Higher

God calls you higher but the only way to get there is to have a deeper surrender.

What are the plows God wants you to burn?

1. Dependencies
2. Ways of thinking
3. Bitterness
4. Resentment
5. Excuses

It's a good thing when God has something greater for you.

Good Enough - baseline living marked with mediocrity, being stuck in spiritual survival mode, and being controlled by complacency

Greatness- the vague unrealistic aspirations of doing better that don't work in real life

Good enough leaves you stuck in stagnation. Grasping for Greatness lends to endless frustration

But there is a third way greater: The life-altering understanding that God is ready to accomplish a kind of greatness in your life that is entirely out of human reach. Beyond what you see in yourself on your best day. But exactly what God has seen in you all along.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. (John 14:12)

When God is speaking, one word is more than enough. He's more interested in your obedience than your total understanding.

You have been "clothed in Christ" (Galatians 3:27) and his mantle rests on your shoulders. You have been anointed and appointed (1 John 2:20). You have been chosen and handpicked to do work which He has planned in advance for you to do (Ephesians 1:4, 2:10).

As long as our new lives in Christ are tethered to our past lives, we will never experience the abundant, exciting, adventurous faith filled with signs and wonder and power.

So here is my question to you AND to me. **Will I burn the plow?** Will you?

Today's devotional requires some pondering. Some praying. Some reflection. It is for those who want to leave the safety of the shallow end of faith and dive deep.

The first step is always the longest step and the hardest. To begin a new chapter, you must end an old chapter.

The word for you today is: Burn your bridges to the past and move forward.

So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant!

1Kings 19: 21

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LIFE APPLICATION

CHANGE YOUR FOCUS - QUIT LOOKING BEHIND AND START LOOKING AHEAD

If you are continually looking behind you cannot see where you are going

You Cannot Depend Upon Past Victories To Sustain You

God has already set into motion a new direction and a new purpose

for your life -

Will you follow Him?

Devotional Text

John 14:12

Galatians 3:27

Ephesians 1:4, 2:10

Unbelief is actually perverted faith, for it puts its faith not in the living God, but in dying men.

- A.W. Tozer