

TAKING THE INITIATIVE

Created to Dream – Part 2

Psalms 145:14 (MSG) *God gives a fresh start to those who are ready to quit.*

I. S EIZE THE MOMENT

Mark 10:46-47 *As Jesus left town, a great crowd was following and a blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus was nearby, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'*

Ephesians 5:16 (NIV) *Make the most of every opportunity.*

Luke 9:62 (MSG) *Jesus said, "No procrastination, no backwards looks. You can't put off God's kingdom until tomorrow. Seize the day."*

II. T AME YOUR FEAR

Mark 10:48 (TEV) *Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, 'Have mercy on me!'*

Proverbs 29:25 (MSG) *The fear of human opinion disables you; trusting in God protects you from all that.*

III. A NNOUNCE YOUR FAITH.

Mark 10:51 (NCV) *Jesus asked him (Bartimaeus) 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man answered, 'Teacher, I want to see.'*

James 4:15 (NIV) *You ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.'*

IV. R ECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Mark 10:52a (NIV) *"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight.*

John 1:16 (NIV) *From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.*

Rom. 4:16a (NLT) *That's why faith is the key. God's promise is given to us as a free gift.*

Philippians 4:13 *I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.*

V. T AKE THE NEXT STEP

Mark 10:52b (NIV) *Immediately he received his sight and began following Jesus down the road.*

Mark 10:46 *Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road as Jesus was going by.*

James 2:14 (NCV) *If people say they have faith but do nothing, their faith is worth nothing.*

1 Corinthians 1:30 (MSG) *Everything that we have -- right thinking, right living, clean slate and a fresh start comes from God by way of Jesus Christ.*