

Monday, November 26 – *“Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgression to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” (Psalm 32:5)* These are the words of King David, after he was called out by Nathan over his adultery and murder scandal. King David forgot rule number one in dreaming again and that is to take God seriously. He lost his way and forgot who made him King in the first place. He started taking himself too seriously and it led him to have an affair and then to murder her lover’s husband in order to cover it up. God’s love and forgiveness, covers it all, but also let’s learn from King David and not lose our way in the first place. When your dream comes true, don’t forget rule number one and that is to take God seriously. Avoid the pitfalls of success that King David and so many others have experienced. Be very care-full of the “Now what?”

Tuesday, November 27 – *“Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.” (Psalm 32:6)* You might not think that achieving your dream is a time of distress, but it is precisely in that moment that you find yourself the most vulnerable. Pray for God to lead you through the process of dreaming again and pray even harder when you achieve your dream for your focus to stay on what is truly important. When you achieve your dream, you will experience a hangover, so to speak, and that is when you are most susceptible to the danger of thinking that you are the center of the universe. When you forget who planted your dream in the first place and who gave you the gifts and the opportunities to achieve your dream, you run head long into trouble. It is in this time that you need to ratchet up your prayer life. Be very care-full of the “Now what?”

Wednesday, November 28 – *“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.” (Psalm 32:8)* These are the words of God spoken to and through King David so that we may all learn a valuable lesson. In your pursuit of your dream it is a no-brainer that you need to follow God and that he will teach you, instruct you and counsel you. Yet, you don’t stop seeking all of this from God the moment you achieve your dream. Or should I say, you would be wise not to stop seeking all of this the moment you achieve your dream. If you do stop seeking God’s instruction, teaching and counsel, in other words, stop taking God seriously, you will lose your way. You will take your eyes off the prize and you will cease to be a breath of fresh air. Your dream is not only about you, but also about what God can do in you and through you for the world. Be very care-full of the “Now what?”

Thursday, November 29 – *“Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.” (Psalm 32:9)* To understand means, “an individual’s perception or judgment of a situation.” When you achieve your dream and you stop taking God seriously you lack perception or judgment of the situation. You start to think that you are all that (and a bag of chips). You start to think that you are above everyone else and you lose your way. You stop consulting with God for guidance and instruction, thus you start to make decisions on your own which is a recipe for disaster. You get out of control, so to speak, in the eyes of those who love you the most. Yet, you simply see their love and concern for you as a plot or ploy to bring you down, to take away all that you have achieved. The whole time you have forgotten that without God you wouldn’t have even had the dream in the first place. Be very care-full of the “Now what?”

Friday, November 30 – *“Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.” (Psalm 32:11)* You have achieved your dream. You have worked and prayed and served and failed and got back up and succeeded. Now what? “Be glad in the Lord and rejoice”, “shout for joy”. Celebrate, party, hug those who have loved you through this process and give thanks to God for the journey. Then get ready to start the whole thing all over again. For now, that you have achieved your dream a whole new set of doors will open to you. Some of those doors lead to good, some lead to your downfall. Which ones will you choose? How will you know what step to take next? That is up to you and God, just as it has always been. Now, instead of realizing your dream, you are working with God to live into your dream. Being “glad in the Lord” requires that you remain “in the Lord”. That is your sweet spot, don’t leave it. Even if achieving your dream brings with it all the trappings of worldly success, remain in the Lord and all will be fine. Be very care-full of the “Now what?”

What have we learned?

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A big part of _____ is believing your dream _____!

Be very _____ of the “_____?”