

ON PURPOSE: OBSTACLES

Judges 6:1-12 (NIV)

"Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"

Jude 20-22 (KJV) But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, ²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ²² And of some have compassion, making a difference: ²³ And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire.

On the way to our purpose, we will all encounter obstacles.

1. Refusing to do anything until you have everything figured out.

God seems to work through Progressive Revelation.

Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV) ...immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Hebrews 10:38 (NIV) But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

2. Trying to fulfill your purpose in your own strength.

Zechariah 8:6 (NIV) This is what the LORD Almighty says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small and discouraged remnant of God's people. But do you think this is impossible for me, the LORD Almighty?

Miracle Space is the gap between what we can accomplish in our own strength and ability and what can happen when we allow God to work with us and through us.

John 5:1-3 (NLT)...Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!"

3. The criticism of others.

The most important question: Who are you doing this for?

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Proverbs 29:25 (NIV) Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

4. Your own character.

Genesis 20:1-7 (NKJV) ⁵ Did he not say to me, 'She is my sister'? And she, even she herself said, 'He is my brother.' In the integrity of my heart and innocence of my hands I have done this." ⁶ And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I know that you did this in the integrity of your heart. For I also withheld you from sinning against Me; therefore I did not let you touch her.

Psalms 19:13 (NKJV) Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Isaiah 30:21(NIV) Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it. "

Ephesians 4:18 (NIV) They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their heart

Psalms 19:14 (NIV) May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Matthew 6:13 (KJV) Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.