

BREAKING NEW GROUNDS

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People are motivated by two forces; pain and pleasure, fear and reward, loss or gain. Any of these could be your experience now. New grounds can be broken to recover your self-esteem, dignity and fame, or to gain more. New grounds can be broken by you to end the fear of loss, failure, becoming irrelevant, etc. and increase your income.

MOTIVATING FACTORS

1. Circumstances push men to break new grounds.
2. Strong desire for better life fires a man to break new grounds.
 - Until you are tired of your present position, you can't go forward.
 - Until your present position becomes too small for you, and everything in you craves for enlargement, there can be no enlargement.
3. If you are not comfortable where you are now, then it is time for you to break new grounds.

New grounds are things you have not done before, levels you have not reached before, jobs and professions you have not tried before, and businesses you have not opened or run before.

1. CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE

Attitude is the way a man thinks. It is a man's mental disposition. Attitudes are formed based on the interpretations we give to the things we see, hear, smell, taste and feel.

A positive attitude enables a man to break new and higher grounds. A negative attitude makes one to rot in a place with the spirit of complaining and despair ruling.

Prov 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

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Prov 27:19

19 For as in water face answers to face, so the mind of man reflects the man.

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Josh 1:1-9

1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates-all the Hittite country-to the Great Sea on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law

my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
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Gen 30:25-43

25 After Rachel gave birth to Joseph, Jacob said to Laban, "Send me on my way so I can go back to my own homeland. 26 Give me my wives and children, for whom I have served you, and I will be on my way. You know how much work I've done for you."

27 But Laban said to him, "If I have found favor in your eyes, please stay. I have learned by divination that the LORD has blessed me because of you." 28 He added, "Name your wages, and I will pay them."

29 Jacob said to him, "You know how I have worked for you and how your livestock has fared under my care. 30 The little you had before I came has increased greatly, and the LORD has blessed you wherever I have been. But now, when may I do something for my own household?"

31 "What shall I give you?" he asked.

"Don't give me anything," Jacob replied. "But if you will do this one thing for me, I will go on tending your flocks and watching over them: 32 Let me go through all your flocks today and remove from them every speckled or spotted sheep, every dark-colored lamb and every spotted or speckled goat. They will be my wages. 33 And my honesty will testify for me in the future, whenever you check on the wages you have paid me. Any goat in my possession that is not speckled or spotted, or any lamb that is not dark-colored, will be considered stolen."

34 "Agreed," said Laban. "Let it be as you have said." 35 That same day he removed all the male goats that were streaked or spotted, and all the speckled or spotted female goats (all that had white on them) and all the dark-colored lambs, and he placed them in the care of his sons. 36 Then he put a three-day journey between himself and Jacob, while Jacob continued to tend the rest of Laban's flocks.

37 Jacob, however, took fresh-cut branches from poplar, almond and plane trees and made white stripes on them by peeling the bark and exposing the white inner wood of the branches. 38 Then he placed the peeled branches in all the watering troughs, so that they would be directly in front of the flocks when they came to drink. When the flocks were in heat and came to drink, 39 they mated in front of the branches. And they bore young that were streaked or speckled or spotted. 40 Jacob set apart the young of the flock by themselves, but made the rest face the streaked and dark-colored animals that belonged to Laban. Thus he made separate flocks for himself and did not put them with Laban's animals. 41 Whenever the stronger females were in heat, Jacob would place the branches in the troughs in front of the animals so they would mate near the branches, 42 but if the animals were weak, he would not place them there. So the weak animals went to Laban and the strong ones to Jacob. 43 In this way the man grew exceedingly prosperous and came to own large flocks, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and donkeys.

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The negative mind concentrates and sees only:

1. One's weaknesses,

2. Absence of a helper,
3. Lack of capital,
4. Harsh economy,
5. Those that are not succeeding,
6. Lack of education,
7. Unfavorable environment,
8. Bad luck and past misfortunes and failures,
9. Previous mistakes,
10. Present problems,
11. Real and imaginary demonic and human enemies,
12. Fear.

A man with such a mentality can never break new grounds.

You need to break loose from negative mentality, and you will break forth into new experiences that are richly rewarding. You need to break loose from your negative mentality and you will shine like God meant you to shine.

Let not your mind be a cage and prison but a spring pad for your flight to glory.

As long as you see with the eyes of God you will be what He wants you to be. Fill your mind with positive words from the word of God. Accept what the Bible says of you. Believe you are who God says you are. Believe you have what he says you have. Believe you can do what he says you can do.

- Small minds (myopic minds) doubt God and great minds believe God and his word.

2. SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

Problems are opportunities in disguise. Problems are opportunities to break new grounds. Problems are step on stones to greater heights.

May be the reason why you lost your job is to get a better job, or to push you to start your own business, or to frustrate you enough to cause you to further your education and improve your skills which you have been postponing for a long time.

There is blessing in every crisis. If we analyze it well, we will see the blessing. One man said, “I thank God I was fired from my teaching job. For when I got fired, I got fired up”. He became one of the multi-million dollar salesmen of his company. If companies refuse to employ you, employ yourself by creating your own job. Break new grounds.

Winners are simply ex-losers who got mad. They got tired of failure, and decided it was time they win. The day you get angry at your failures is the day you start winning. I pray today be that day in Jesus name.

Winning does not start around you – it begins inside you. Change your thinking.

3. DON'T LET YOUR PAST FAILURES STOP YOU

Your past is over. All you need to do is to learn lessons from it and avoid the same mistakes you made in the past.

Whatever your reason for self-doubt, it is very important that you remember your past is over.

Phil 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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Move beyond the scars of yesterday. Stop talking about your limited education, but do something to change the situation. Quit complaining that everyone in your family is poor, but believe you will make it to the top anyhow. Stop repeating stories of those who failed you, but find solutions to the problems created. Stop pointing your fingers at the economy. In Christ Jesus, you can succeed in any economy. Stop advertising your pain. What you need is not pity, but to break new grounds. Stop meditating on your flaws. Everyone has limitations. Each of us is handicapped in some way: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

You have no excuse to remain where you are. Concentrate on your future. Stop looking at where you have been and start looking at where you are going.

4. DO WHAT YOU HAVE NEVER DONE

The Bible teaches that when you want something you have never had, you have to do something you have never done.

Abraham had to leave his family to a land he has never been to possess what he has never had that has been promised him by God.

Gen 12:1-3

12:1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

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If you allow fear and negative thoughts to dominate you, you will never break new grounds.

Everything is difficult at first. Don't be afraid of the initial difficulty.

Thousands will fail in life because they are unwilling to make changes. They refuse to change jobs, towns, or friendships. They stay in comfort zones. Yet thousands of others move up the

ladder of happiness, because they are willing to go through a little discomfort to experience a new level in life.

5. RELOCATE IF NECESSARY

- Geography makes a difference.
- The atmosphere around you matters a lot.
- The weather is important for any seed to grow.

You too are a seed. Your business and your products are like seeds. However, you may need to change locations and situations to unlock the full potential of your success.

Success requires people. You will never succeed without networking with many different kinds of people. They may not be easily accessible. You may have to leave the comforts of your home, office, or town to reach them and achieve extraordinary success.

You must be willing to go where you have never been to create something you have never had.

6. LISTEN TO GOD FOR DIRECTION

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Genesis 31

31:1 Jacob heard that Laban's sons were saying, "Jacob has taken everything our father owned and has gained all this wealth from what belonged to our father." 2 And Jacob noticed that Laban's attitude toward him was not what it had been.

3 Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you." 4 So Jacob sent word to Rachel and Leah to come out to the fields where his flocks were. 5 He said to them, "I see that your father's attitude toward me is not what it was before, but the God of my father has been with me. 6 You know that I've worked for your father with all my strength, 7 yet your father has cheated me by changing my wages ten times. However, God has not allowed him to harm me. 8 If he said, 'The speckled ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks gave birth to speckled young; and if he said, 'The streaked ones will be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked young. 9 So God has taken away your father's livestock and has given them to me. 10 "In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. 11 The angel of God said to me in the dream, 'Jacob.' I answered, 'Here I am.'

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God will only back what he has commanded. God will always lend his power to an idea that is from him.

Crisis time is a time to seek direction it is not a time to despair, but a time to break new grounds. Find out which direction you are to go.

It is God's desire to lead you to your green pasture where you will enjoy prosperity in peace.

Ps 23:1-3

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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Rom 8:14

14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

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Get direction now.

(To be continued)

SUCCESS TIT-BITS

- 1. Humility is the pathway to honor. It is the seed that bears the fruit of honor, dignity, wealth and fame.**
- 2. Humility is the solid foundation upon which the house of glory is built.**
- 3. If you want to be great, you have to learn to serve others in the spirit of humility.**

4. **Pride has ruined a lot of people. It has transformed many into an object of ridicule. For some, it has made them to become beasts. It has taken beauty out of many and made them ugly. It has ruined a lot of beautiful relationships, torn families apart, ruined a lot of careers and aborted many dreams and visions. Pride is an evil that must be destroyed for one to be honored before God and man. Deal with it in your life now. And guard your heart, that it does not creep in and establish itself within you.**
5. **Success is the fruit of diligent application of the word of God.**
6. **Once you allow pride into your life because you are succeeding and climbing to the top, you will soon start falling down.**
7. **Tithing and giving is an expression of gratitude for all the blessings being received from God. Not to give or tithe is to be ungrateful. It is not enough to say with your mouth, "I am grateful Lord for what you are doing." He wants you to show it.**
8. **No fearful person wins (succeeds).**
9. **The quality of information at your disposal determines the quality of your success.**
10. **Your education is what you make it, and you can find the information that takes you where you want to go. Knowledge is only potential power. It becomes power only when and if it is organized into definite plans of action and directed to a definite end.**
11. **Knowledge that is not productive is useless.**
12. **Education that cannot be profited from is a waste.**
13. **An educated man is one who has been able to use his education to his own advantage and benefit of others.**
14. **Breakthrough is a function of grace on the part of God, faithfulness, commitment, seed sowing and sacrifice on the part of the seeker. Learn what to do to get a breakthrough and do it with all your heart and diligence and you will have what you seek.**
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WISDOM FOR ASSOCIATION

1. **Walking with the great increase your chances to be great.**
2. **Who you are and want to become is revealed in the company you keep.**
3. **The most deceptive person in your life is the one that weakens your passion for your dream.**
4. **The most destructive person in your life is the one that feeds your weakness.**

5. **Go where you will be celebrated instead of where you will be tolerated.**
6. **Any friend who is not adding to your life must be subtracting from your life.**
7. **Any friend who is not happy you are progressing is a wolf in sheep clothing. Stay away from such.**
8. **You don't just need people, but the right people to succeed.**
9. **Read the handwriting on the wall and know when to quit a relationship that is not rewarding positively.**
10. **Forgiveness is the healing balm of relationships.**

RENEWING THE MIND

1. **Your mind is your power house.**
2. **A mental block against God and his word is suicidal. Open up your mind and accept his counsel on all subjects and you will be happy you did.**
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5. **Let not your mind be a cage and prison, but a spring pad for your flight to glory.**
6. **Small minds doubt God. Great minds believe God and his word.**
7. **The picture you have in your mind determines the direction of your life.**
8. **Demon consciousness does not increase your chances of victory but builds fear in you. God consciousness opens you up for the outflow of God's power in you.**
9. **What you dwell your mind on, you attract to yourself.**
10. **You are who you are by reason of the thoughts you have thought over the years. Your life will always be patterned after the kind of thoughts that you think.**