

Re-igniting your Desire for Overflows

How to get the fire back for you dreams, overcoming setbacks, obstacles with a passion that catch people's attention and shine with the gaze and favor of God.

Too many peo **lost** enthu – at one time excited about fut – pursuing dream –

Along way – hit **roadblocks**: things don't work out – setbacks - failures – disappointments - health issue

Little by little - **Lost** fire – passion for dreams – go thru motions – **breathing** but not really living – **alive** but not full of life

Quit dreaming and pursuing – goals – lost purpose – don't press on forward anymore

Realise in life – there will always be **forces** – keep us from being what God wants us to be

D – uses situations – deceive – give up

Forces for you greater than forces against you - **Retailing**

Blond lady – yard – acci – cut tail cut – pick tail – grap cat – go Walmark – hello – biggest retailer in the world

News – God wants to **restore** - **ch**

Fill hope – resurrect your dream

Not condemn you – telling you where wrong - lift

If one dream **died** – dream **another** dream – only a failure if you quit trying

Henry Ford – went bankrupt 5 times – after first – disc – 3rd - tempted – 5th – given up – didn't – deep down – knew – dream put in by God

6th company – most successful – many today still paying

Prob: lost passion

How to **re-ignite** passion - overflows

1. Rest in Christ's *love* and expeirence your Overflows

Romans 8:37

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. NIV

Yet amid all these challenges, we are more than conquerors and keep gaining surpassing overflowing victories through Him having loved us. JY

Most miracles – during sabbath - not Jesus deli – disturb (step tail) Pharisee at rest

Not see many miracles – not at rest

Often – **unrest** – don't see him working on the surface - **just**

Just becous you didnt see him working – doesn't mean not working – always at work – got the soln

Story – **storm** – Jesus asleep – wind .. -

Dis: don't you care

Wind was howling, water rising, Dis screaming

Fact is – not sinking – Jesus in boat – Creator in boat

What happened when Jesus is in the boat of your life?

Another occasion

John 6:21

21 Then they were eager to let him in, and immediately the boat arrived at their destination! NLT

Jesus **got** into **boat** – immed reach shore

Storms – Jesus in boat – can only **accelerate** – **speed up** – fulfilment of God's plan in your life

Fearful for no reason - **giants**

Fact is that – even in the storm – boat not sinking – why – Jesus in the boat

In fear for no reason!

40 yrs – fear of giants!

Jacob – 20 yrs think Joseph – dead – lost enthu - passion

When came for Ben - everything against me - **Tien**

Und why - Last 20 years, exp – nothing but what God has promised

Famine – ask for Ben - last **straw**

Truth – Jesph is alive - not just surviving – thriving – PM

All **negative** circum (world already – process of **decay**) - **actually** God is **positioning** him

live in the best land in time of famine – what seen as setbacks – stepping stone

How to get Jesus into the boat of your life?

Realise God is always at **work** – arranging things in your favor - **rest**

Been to **roller** coasters – Uni studio - seen some people – **holding on** – if as – as if you can determine **direction**

Fact – no matter how hard you hold – wont change dir a bit – path planned by best engineers - relax – enjoy -

Key – relax - close eyes – path planned one – loved – died

Relax lah – lelak loh

2. Keep your Passion *Outward* and you will be empowered to Overflow

What is the mistake we make when we encounter seemingly unfair or hurtful situation?

Unfair situ – mistake dwelling – self pity –
poison – preoccupied – potential not
released

When go thru unfair situation – don't make
mistake – constantly dwelling on it

Always – focussing on giving excuses and
blaming others

Someone mistreated them – 5 yrs
– still allow the stronghold of self pity to
poison their life

Lady in the Bible – Naomi – my Joy,
– Good morning Miss joy – but series of
loses – husb died – sons killed – total
bankruptcy

one day – decided go back

Ruth 1:20

20 "Don't call me Naomi," she told them.
"Instead, call me Mara, for the Almighty has
made life very bitter for me.

Don't call me Joy – call me bitter

She changed her name to Bitter Sorrow

Mistake – let bitter get inside – sour;
all dreams shattered – leave me alone
in my heartache and misery

Most amazing – grace steps in – a miracle
happened

Ruth 4:16-17

16 Naomi took care of the baby and cared for
him as if he were her own. 17 The neighbor
women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son
again!" And they named him Obed. He became
the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.
NLT

16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him in
her bosom and became his nurse. AMP

Heb – lit – produces milk

– most translation – make it easier – take care
Fact – not miracle of phy – emo

How - Moved back to childhood home –
daughter in law – Ruth – go with you – no
– you go live your own life – can I prod
ano son – be your husb

Phy – NO – she didn't realize – work a
miracle

She may not prod a baby – nurse one –
considered her son!

Adoption OK

Believe for a child – ano way – many kids out
there – need your love – not your gene –
considered one of your genes

Ruth 1:13

13 Would you wait for them to grow up and
refuse to marry someone else? No, of course not,
my daughters! Things are far more bitter for me
than for you, because the LORD himself has
caused me to suffer."

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave
you and turn back. I will go wherever you go
and live wherever you live. Your people will be
my people, and your God will be my God. NLT

What happened when Ruth and Naomi
walk in her calling in that season?

Ruth saw her calling – took resp – care for
mother in law

When walk in calling - not always bed of
roses – back breaking working – leftovers
grains from sand - mundane and boring

How come Ruth – willing to endure it? Saw
purpose – she come alive – great

passion to do – what don't like to do
See purpose – will steer from a mediocre
att – just survive – enough for self

What about your resp – get overflows to be
a blessing to parent – children – kingdom
of God

Student – purpose – overcome boring
studies

Young graduate – find job boring – see
purpose – passion arise

As Ruth walk in God's purpose, One day –
she – step into her destiny

Happened – field – owner – kinsman
redeemer

Ruth's passion – caught attention of Boaz
– purposely gave double portion

Came back – told Naomi – Naomi jumped –
saw purpose for the season – come alive
– old age produce milk

Vision – passion – get Ruth a husb

Instruction – what to wear – do – attract
Boaz attn

Started to see her purpose in fulfilling other's
purpose

OT law – nearest relative – marry – son
produced – often reluctant – mean child
born – in the dead man;s name and
inheritance will pass down another line
pict of Christ – gave us His life -

You not acci – calling – purpose - season
Somebody – needs what you have – your
love smile enc – created to make a diff –
impact

Set-backs – God has a purpose every
season – see purpose – come alive
healing to past

As Naomi walk in God's purpose – she also
walked into her destiny

Begin to prod milk – officially – her child
Ruth 4:17

Don't want to confuse with the intrigues of
OT laws – Ruth child is officially Naomi
and Her husb's child

Same – people asked about adoption

While we stand in faith for miracle child –
OK – adopt – people out there need your
love – like Naomi – come alive

Naomi could have self focus

– what if Ruth got married – who care for
me- Not come alive

Stay productive Get up everyday with
purpose – season

Quit productive – slowly dying

What are the areas that God is calling you to step into?

Paul wrote his best letters from prison cell – Eph – Phil – Col – Philem; no walls can hinder God's purpose – even age

For older people – **youth**: stay active – keep mind working – new **skill**

Can **retire** form Job but don't retire from life – find – someway to keep **productive**

Volunteer in – **mentor**

Not just old – **retiring** - Feel sick – go visit – more sick – Mrs **John Osteen** - **Cornie**

Always stories of **Dodee Osteen**, **Cornie Seaward** – **HAPPILY**

Passion to **stay alive**

Their **att: even I had to go** – go with a spring instep, passion in heart and sparkle in eye

74 – come office – write personal letters – enc people – written **15000** hand written notes

Husb died – think **lost** purpose - more life - never at home – bef 10 pm – party attend - sport events

More fun - mixing half her age

Son talk – enforce a curfew

People did me – wrong – did you a favor – qualify double **favor**

– one door closed – God has **another** door
If someone does you wrong – just did me a favor – just qualified me for **double** favor

Working 20 yrs – never got a gd promotion – God **record**

Not working for man – for God

God is keeping the record – he sees – every seed

When you sow with excellence – you will reap

Even of man do not notice – God will take note – God is the source of your blessings

Cain – Abel – some – **best**

Gen 4:2-6

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. NIV

Film on Benjamin Carson – Johns Hopkin Hosp

1987 Twins join at the back of head

Cure epilepsy – removing half of brain from infant

Much racism even in the 80's –

Raise – by a single mother – mother to another neighborhood because of color

Fights – even with mother

But Ben knew God – read Bible, praed – asking God heal temper problem

Got into medical school – couldn't understand - prayed – God – dreams – und professors

In 1987, Carson made medical history by being the first in the world to successfully separate twins (the Binder twins) conjoined at the back of the head (craniophagus twins).

Operations to separate twins joined in this way had always failed, resulting in the death of one or both of the infants. Carson agreed to undertake the operation. A 70-member surgical team, led by Dr. Carson, worked for 22 hours. At the end, the twins were successfully separated and can now survive independently.

Carson's other surgical innovations have included the first intrauterine procedure to relieve pressure on the brain of a hydrocephalic fetal twin, and a hemispherectomy, in which an infant suffering from uncontrollable seizures has half of its brain removed

Went thru **unfair** situation

New day – divine favor

Isa 43:19

19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. NKJV

I am in control – palm of my hand