

Dare to Dream 11

Stir up your Dreams with Comebacks in the midst of Setbacks

Stir up your Dreams by letting God make Miracles out of your Mistakes

Message out of mess
Many peo sitting in misery of doom and gloom

MADE so many mistakes

Mess up **studies** – didn't finish college, messed my **ma, fam** - didn't spent enough time w kids, mess up **business** – bad choices - **IF ONLY**

Fut gone - miss best

God still has a **great** plan for you

When God design his plan –

wasn't dependant on us never make a mistake

Great peo – poor choices – **Moses - Paul**

Paul – murderer – stone Stephen
Great leader – ½ NT

Mistakes – **didn't kept them** from God given destiny

God of Abrah Isaac Jacob

Und – A – Isaac (**obedient** – **sacri**)

Jacob? not make sense – deceiver – **undiscerning** father

What God saying – God **not just of perf** peo

– peo that have failed – faults

Not surprised- key?

– already got **comebacks** for every mess – mistakes; **back-up plan**

Heb 4:16-5:1

16 So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need. TLB

1. Come – throne of grace?

(not mixture), where grace reigns supreme

Many – go thru – thinking God is **mad**

Good news – debt already paid

Still precious

If an earthly **imperf father** – knows how to **protect** - **accept** weakness - how much **more** our Heavenly Father

Don't run from – run to; take one step - **run**

2. Come and **ask** boldly

Prodigal son – **rehearsed** – long list wrong – how **unworthy**

– make me one of your **slaves**

Father **wont** let him continue – long **confessions** of sins –

why? – **one thing** – **ask less**

1 - He did the one thing that is **necessary**, he left the far country.

2. He didn't want him to ask **less** as he has big things in store for him.

Best **robe** – honor, **ring** - auth, **sandals** - son, **fattened** calf (pros) – **feast** celebration (fellowship)

Dwell in your sins – **unworthy** – ask less

Everything in you will tell you – **don't deserve anything**

– God not going to bless you

Enemy come – you don't **deserve** it – **exactly** right – I don't ask for what I deserve – his grace

Bold – don't ask just f – ask **GRACE**

3. Receive grace to **turn** your mess into a miracle

Grace = **enabling**

God never **waste** your mistakes!

John 12 - if

John 6:12

12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

Fed multi – gather the pieces - 12 baskets left over – **nothing wasted** – **if**

God is concern w broken fragments of bread – how much more

Whatever broken **pieces** in your life

Broken dreams, ma,

disappointment

Zeph 3:19 - 20

19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all those who afflict you; I will save the limping ones and gather the outcasts and will make them a praise and a name in every land of their shame. 20 At that time I will bring you in; yes, at that time I will gather you, for I will make you a name and a praise among all the nations of the earth when I reverse your captivity before your eyes, says the Lord. AMP

Last day - gather **outcast** –

limping – broken pieces

Peo look – peo **write you off** –

give up – see you as **outcast**
God sees you – broken pieces

– raw **ingredient** for a miracle

Abrah – father of faith – had little faith to begin w – lied – twice to protect himself

Peter - - rock – most brash – impulsive

God can turn your **mess** into miracles

Now – that's **wrongs you done**, **what about** the wrongs that was **done** to us

We all face **setbacks**

– **lost** of loved ones, **bad news** concerning our **health** –

divorce – **retrenched** – **didn't** get the **inc** – bonus – **lost**

stock – **bad choice** of others

fut gone – miss the **best**

Easy – feel like dreams been **buried** – how come back?

I. Know you are not being buried but planted

Jesus says NO – only been **planted**

John 12:24

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. NKJV

What is the difference between being planted and being buried?

Farmer don't say – Oh just buried my seed – planted

Jesus – may **die** – not **buried**

Dog died – **diff?** **know**

When put seed in the ground – you don't say – burying seed – you planting seed – you know it's coming back

Dog died – planting dog – buried dog

There is a diff bet being buried and planted – expectation - **know** – **something good** come out

Unless grain **planted** – no fruit

May be a **very good** seed – not planted – never **become** what **created** to be

Only after planted – out shell breaks off – new growth spring forth – that's when it will blossom – inc

Potential never be fully realised – until planted

Don't feel good to be planted

– **lonely** in the dirt – **dark** **uncomfortable** – people **walk** on top

Up on self – comfortable – not stretch

– potential lock up on the inside

In **dark** times – something supernatural began to happen – **1000** heavier – burst forth into life – known to crack **cement**

Although the dirt is 1000 heavier than seed – cannot hold the **seed** in

Dirt say to little seed – what do you think you are doing – I am much more powerful than you

Unlike just a grain of **sand** – seed has built in **DNA** – gene – burst forth into life

Life of God – got comeback power in my DNA – seed of God
Dark times? – nites are lonely – dirt all over –

Keep pressing forward – when it seems not see the light of day
Realise – you are not buried but planted
SAME POWER that raise Jesus from the dead

Just as seeds – built-in DNA to spring to life

No **ord** peo of **world**– **child of God**

seed DNA of Almighty God – one char - bounce back power – **Ress** power

When **tempted** to give up – no way – this is not what I am created to be
No **challenge** too diff for you – so **sickness** – **disappointment** – **adversities** – **stock** market - same power
– tough times - may feel been buried – fact – just been planted – same power that raise Jesus fro the dead
burst out of ground

2. Don't allow the dirt of life to paralyse you!

Farmer – old donkey – empty well

– 40 ft – so disappointed – loved – imp to rescue – narrow – already dead – as much as he didn't want to – fill w dirt and burry him – throw dirt – felt dirt hit his backs – realise – what about to do – instead of pity party – decided – every time felt dirt – back – shake it off – step up – keep shaking it off – stepping up – finally – 2 hr – step over wall- walk out triumphant

What meant to burry – save his life

What happened when we allow the negative feelings, the 'dirts' of life to overwhelm us?

Easy to be overwhelmed – **throwing** off **negative** feelings **allowing** – **dirt** of life hit you– **paralyse** you

Felt **unfair** injustice – don't let dirt of **self pity** – **bitterness** bury you – **loose fire and eat - enth** **shake it off** – **step up**; **harm? inc**

This diff is meant to harm me – I know – God is going to use it to inc me

Felt – **disa** – give up

Felt – bad choice **mistake** - **condemn** – limit

Like the old donkey – you just

sake off dust – **step up**

New beginning – new door – new friends – new oport

You keep doing the right thing

Keep going – **right thing** - **praise**

Keep **going** w a smile on face – know God is in complete control
Seen – right in the midst – they got a smile on their face – believing expecting

You do **right** thing – even tho the wrong thin happen to you

Praise instead of complain

Job – 9 months season – lost business, health, fam, looks like

So bad – wife – just curse God and die – over – done – give up

Some – way they talk – sounds like **related** to Job's wife

All they talk - negative
People should be enc us – doing just oport

Don't let anyone talk you out of your dream – you be buried
Listen to news report so long – just plan on living a defeated life

Job did the right thing when friends did the wrong – **PRAY**

Job 42:10-11

10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD made him prosperous again and gave him twice as much as he had before. 11 All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring.

End – double – what had – **livestock, peace, vict** – **inside infor** – not buried but planted

Attack – meant to burry me –but I got inside information – cannot burry me – only planting me

Come out – Job – twice
Business slow - sick

When business slow – don't expect to come out the same – survive –better off – like Job – double

Get a bigger vision

3. God can use what is meant to bury you to promote you

Genesis 50:20

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Every dirt – stepping stone

Psalms 92:12-14

12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.

Why do you think God uses the palm tree to describe us?

God **didn't use oaks** – big huge trees to pict us

God didn't use pine – tall – impressive

But the **palm** – skinny – don't undermine size

Remember dynamite come in sm packages

Have seen the incredible **HULK** – normal looking guy – suddenly – pressure built - transformation – shirt start ripping, muscle burst out – face goes green – facing adversary - go on – make my day

Why? – storms may come – Palm not just to survive but to **thrive**

Amazing – **hurricane** – see reports mighty oaks – pine – big and sm - **uprooted** - thrown down – all over

Psalms – survive – God design - **bounce** back DNA

Bent– always touching ground– doesn't break

Puff and puff – you little tree – keep you from every standing up again

When hurricane has ran out of **steam** – 4-5 hrs - **palm tree** – take a deep breath - just flex muscle

– see other – left and right going down – **know** who he is – God has put a bounce back in his DNA

Blessed – **healthy** – **favored** – **protected** – seeds of righteous **blessed** - God always causes you to triumph – those for you – greater

Not **worried** – stays in **peace** – know **bounce** back

In fact – **stretched** – root structure being strengthened – given oport to grow

Storm over – smile – came back up stronger than I was bef -

Only diff bet **diamond** - piece of black coal – same atomic element - amt of pressure it has endured

Bad report – **health**; didn't get **promotion**, loved one **walked** out - **dreams** died

Stay in **agreement** w God, no matter how hard wind try to break

you – bend - they cannot break
you – topple – when all said and done –
Young lady – raise in a diff environ
– father died – 6 – dialysis – while others – fun – cheerleading – home takeing care – 12 – shopping, cooking, little bro – write cheau
Look like buried – keep from destiny
Just becos you don't get the same oport as somebody else – not meant – God has
Knew – planted not buried
Excel – mas – happily married
Dindt have a chance of a normal childhood – grew up so fast – truly say – God has restored lost years – happier – more filfull can I can ever be

Good Friday???

I was kind of pissed off this Good Friday afternoon on my way to church. I didn't know the service was at 5. I thought it'd be at 7. When I realised it, I had to change really fast and ran the whole time I was praying to God to stop the bus and make it wait for me. I missed 2 buses. First one just passed and the 2nd one becos I wasn't sure if that bus is right. Just when I was about to give up, the bus that'd go to the church came. But I was at the wrong stop. By the time I rushed over (“God please”), the bus started to leave. I was just 5 steps from the door. So freaking mad, I banged on the side of the bus but the driver probably didn't hear me. I was pissed off and raging at God- I ran all the way and He didn't make the bus wait one second longer. I tried calling my dad cos I wanted to rage at him (hehe!

Sorry – my punching bag). I was so sure there was no way I'd be going to the service. Thinking back it was not His fault, I got the timing mixed. Just when I decided not to go church, our incredibly big hearted God, my awesome Heavenly Father, the God who never stops giving another chance work a miracle.

There was an old man in a car nearby said something 'miss the bus?' I'm a bit hesitant to talk to people on the streets. As I turned away, an old lady talked to me and ask if I wants to ride cos they saw me running towards the bus and missed it. I was stunted (it would take an hour's drive). The old man was waiting in the car. I was reluctant but she kept insisting saying the next bus will be an hour away. Then she offered to drive me past the bust and catch it in the next bus stop. When we passed the bus after some times, the man helped me flagged the bus to stop and waited till I was inside before he drive away.

I was criticising God – when it was my mistake and a bit of weird for the odd couple to be waiting at the side of a road you are not allowed to wait. There were healing in another direction. When He gave His Son to die for us... how could I still have doubted Him.

Daddy says that the couple may be angels. I don't know. They may just normal human beings whom God used to help me. But ... now I don't know. I'm not going to bother figuring out the whys, whats, and hows of the

miracle. I'm just going to enjoy the miracle. Lydia 😊