

## **LOST IN OUR NOTHING BOX Pastor George Everard: 22/08/2010**

**Reading:** Deuteronomy 34:4 *"I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."*

### **Introduction:**

1. Life can be filled with surprises and often these surprises can catch one off guard, Moses was a man caught off guard.
  - In doing life, many know that there are certain dreams we have that have been out of our reach.
  - Our journey through life does not always lead us down the road that we have desired.
  - In fact some of our dreams have been placed into our nothing box and might even be taken with us to the grave.
2. Regardless of where I find myself on this road called life, I don't give up just because I lost my dream in life!
  - We might be able to retrace our step but we will never be able to turn back the hands on the clock!
  - We can make better choices next time but we cannot go back and do anything about the first time!
  - Time; bad decisions and experiences put some of our dreams into our nothing box! Out of reach – lost!
3. There will be relationships we will never be able to mend; there will be scars that we will not be able to hide; there will be chapters that we will never be able to rewrite!
  - Some things will be forever lost in our nothing box but this does not mean life ends!
  - Moses stood looking from a distance and saw on the horizon, the Promised Land, his dream, his destination.
  - It was 'Lost in his Nothing Box!' But it was not the end!

### **NOTHING BOX MEANS NOTHING BOX**

1. Everybody has lost a dream, failed to reach their destination; face disappointments in life.
  - Time is often the culprit; most coaches will tell you that they did not lose; they only ran out of time!
2. If we had to take a moment to call a time out, and ask the question, 'What was your childhood dream?'
  - Some would say; a super hero; a doctor; a nurse; a fireman; an astronaut; a model and so the list goes on.
  - Now the million dollar question; how many obtained their dream or is it lying in the nothing box!
3. The reason why so many find it so difficult to serve God; because they feel that God has disappointed them!

- Many feel that their destination they focused on was given to them by God but God failed them.
  - Now you feel that you can't trust God because your dream that He gave you never took you to your preferred destination, your fulfilled dream!
4. Moses had every right to complain to God, he was called by God, took His people out of Egypt to a Land He Promised and now he was not allowed in!
- So what should we do when our dreams do not materialise and our destinations are never reached?
  - Now this is a profound statement that will save you hours of expensive therapy; DO NOTHING?
  - Moses realised that his hope and trust in God was bigger than his dream or his destination!
  - God's plan is always bigger and better than ours!

### **KEEP THE LID ON, IT HELPS**

1. Every man ever born, did not begin out as a man, we all started out as little boys with weird and wonderful dreams!
- I personally thank God for keeping the lid on some of my dreams I had as a young man!
  - If I continued in my dream, I might never have walked into the will of God for my life.
2. Jesus had a dream; He had a preferred future of how He desired to liberate humanity.
- We find Jesus in the garden praying, just before His arrest – His prayer; ***“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me.”*** Luke 22:42
  - This is what Jesus was saying; *‘If I was writing the script, there would be no arrest, there would be no flogging and there would be no cross!’*
  - Jesus understood some things in life had to remain in **OUR NOTHING BOX WITH THE LID ON!**
  - His prayer became; ***“Not my will, but your will be done.”*** (vs 42)
  - That's a prayer of the man and woman who are faced with a destination not of their choosing but continue to trust the one who led them there!
3. What do you do when you realize your destination; your dream is out of reach?
- You pray, ‘Not my will, but yours be done!’
  - Once you have prayed the prayer, you rest in the fact that you have done all you can!
  - You leave it in your nothing box with the lid on!

### **GOD'S WISDOM AND THE NOTHING BOX**

1. To reach our destination and have our dreams fulfilled, we need the ‘WISDOM’ of God.

- The devil will do everything in his power to keep you from your destination and withhold your dreams from becoming a reality in your life.
  - Moses was commanded by God to speak to the rock to cause the water to flow from it supernaturally!
  - Moses stepped out of the 'Wisdom' of God and relied upon his own wisdom, struck the rock and lost his reward, the Promised Land!
2. When God took Moses to the rock, He was told to speak to the rock and it would produce water!
- Moses stepped out of the Wisdom of God and declared the opposite; "***Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?***" (Deut. 20:10)
  - They shifted the miracle from God to themselves, they felt it was their dream – their destination – their call.
3. If we are going to reach our destination in life and see our dreams fulfilled then we need to do the following:
1. **WALK** in the Wisdom of God and not self.
  2. **INVEST** your time and effort in the Wisdom of God.
  3. **SEEK** God's Kingdom first before setting out on your own adventures of life.
  4. **OBSERVE** the Wisdom of God as it will always lead you into your destination, fulfilling your dreams.
  5. **MEDITATE** on the Wisdom of God; it will always keep you out of YOUR NOTHING BOX!  
Proverbs 3:19 ***By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations***