



Monday Matters

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Are You Made For More?

I was reading an article in the Church Executive magazine this week. It was about Larry Brey. The article started by saying, "Larry Brey was a college professor and director of sports medicine at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC, when he decided he was created for more than what he had become. Against all logic, he joined a group of eight families to follow a young, passionate pastor who wanted to change the world."

Larry was most likely hearing multiple voices at the time. Some were saying, "You've gone as far as you can go with your life and can't do anything more." Another set of voices were saying, "Go for it! You are made for more." Larry followed the latter of those voices. Today he is a Campus Pastor at the Elevation Church in Charlotte, NC, that has seven campuses and welcoming 12,000 people each weekend to those campuses.

The end of the article concluded with what is really heavy on his heart. It says, "There's greatness inside of everyone. People are settling for less than God's best because good becomes good enough. Time talks people out of dreams, or they feel like their past disqualifies them from their destiny."

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Quote of the Week

"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)." (Amplified Bible)

~John 10:10~

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"You Are More" - Tenth Avenue North

On Good Friday evening I had the opportunity to get to know a man by the name of Victor. He is employed by the HVAC company that maintains our system at the church I serve. We had a couple of minutes after he fixed our problem and he shared a little about his life and his family. Victor told me that seven years ago his daughter ran away from home. Somewhere along the way she found God and her life changed. Maybe, I don't know, it was when she was in Guatemala with some others from America. They had gone to a cantina and were enjoying a meal when a group of banditos came in and robbed them of anything worthwhile. During that event, Victor's daughter had a gun pointing at her head by one of the banditos. I can't imagine what that would be like. Fortunately no one was physically hurt. God had spared Victor's daughter.

As Victor was telling me this story, tears welled up in his eyes. He knows that God had something more for her. Today she is at Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, studying for her master's degree in Theology. She is fluent in Greek even though she is of Hispanic decent. She now has even been asked to teach Greek at a college level. She is making something more of her life. It is being made to the fullest through her love for God. She is being used for His glory and enjoying it. She is not settling for less. Don't limit your potential. Don't limit what God has placed in you. Don't listen to the naysayers who tell you your dreams will never be possible. Those naysayers might be the people you work with, they might be church members, they might be family. In Philippians 4:13 it says, "I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who]infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency)." (Amplified Bible)

If we are made for more, don't settle for less!

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