

**DREAM COME TRUE**

**+ RUNNING AFTER THE DESTINED SUCCESS**

- Do you long for success? In this short clip we see that people of the world tries their best to chase after success. They diligently practice, sacrifice sleep, forget to eat, and continue to practice until they see success. Behind success is perseverance and diligence. So what kind of success are we running after? Are we running after instant success that does not need to be sought for? The young generation nowadays is willing to run after fame even if their reputation is damaged. Therefore, are we running after the success of this world or are we running after the success of God’s Kingdom? The success of this world may last for only a moment. Many people are lifted up to the highest point in their life but are quickly struck down when changes occur to their environment, and thus, are remembered no more.

**1. WHAT IS SUCCESS?**

<sup>13</sup> *Brothers and sisters, 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, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)*

- The Bible recorded Paul’s success. His success is stored in heaven, and remembered on earth even though 2000 years have already passed. Even now, his success is impacting many people’s life. What he spoke, performed, or wrote continues to change people’s life.
- Why was he able to preserve this kind of success? Because he pressed on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called him.
- Before the second coming of Jesus, we need to have a goal. Ask yourselves: What are we living for? Are we living just for marriage and for children? Even though marriage and children are very good but they should not be the only things we pursue after. God has a plan in every aspect of our life, including our marriage and children. He wants to reward us through every aspect of our life.
- What is the prize that Paul is ran after? This can be found in Philippians 3:12

<sup>12</sup> *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (Philippians 3:12)*

- In this passage, Paul states that he presses on to take hold of what God wants him to take hold of, the prize that God wants him to gain from Heaven. How much we let God have hold of us, how much we let Him fill us, or how much we let Him govern in our life to become God’s inheritance. In another words the kind of prize that Paul is speaking of is to have Jesus in him.

**2. UNDERSTANDING GOD’S PURPOSE**

<sup>17</sup> *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in*

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*order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people (Ephesians 1:17-19)*

- Having come to Christ, one of our main goals is to know Him. Day by day, we need to increase our understanding of who God is. God is full of power, authority, and majesty, but at the same time He is also a God full of love, mercy, and kindness. He is filled with passion and admiration towards us who are weak. The more we get to know God the more joyous and confident we become in Him. Thus, we will live out a life that is not the same.

#### **TESTIMONY: A SISTER WHO SEEKS TO BE FILLED BY THE SPIRIT**

- After listening to the message of a missionary from Hong Kong, sister Hsu, who lived in Japan, longed to be filled by the Holy Spirit. Due to her financial circumstances, she could not travel to Hong Kong to seek for more. During an opportunity, she was able to meet sister Huang, another sister from Hong Kong and asked her to help her become filled by the Spirit. In their first appointment, sister Huang told her that the Lord would not fill her that day because her heart was not at peace. Therefore, sister Huang took sister Hsu through the journey of forgiving people in her life. Not only did sister Hsu forgive them in her words, but also in her actions. During her second visit to sister Huang's house she was deeply filled by the Spirit. The joy of the Lord followed her until the day when the Lord took her Home.

#### **+ LIFE TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE LONGING TO KNOW GOD**

*<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. (John 15: 7-8)*

- When Jesus said to “remain (abide) in me,” He means we should diligently seek after God and connect with Him. We should have the earnest desire to abide in God just like the athlete in this world who earnestly seek for success. All we need to do to bear fruits is to earnestly abide in God.

#### **TESTIMONY: A SISTER WHO BUILT A CHURCH**

- God led sister Hsu to rent a very cheap house in a very wealthy neighborhood. God moved her to start family church at her house. In that neighborhood, there were 35 households who were Chinese. She invited all of them to her house and prepared plenty. However, none showed up during her first invitation. During her second invitation, an already believer, came to her house. She began to earnestly pray and fast for all the Chinese household in her neighborhood and God began to bring them to her house. At last, there were only two more households who have not come to Christ yet.
- One day, one of the family that have not come to Christ invited sister Hsu to their house. During her visitation, the head of the household boasted about his accomplishments. However in the end, sister Hsu asked him how long he thinks he would live up to. The following week, his whole family came to Christ. In the end, the 35 households in her neighborhood came to Christ.
- The power of earnestly seeking after God can change a person's life and impact the life of others.

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**+ JOY AND SATISFACTION FROM THE SUCCESS OF GOD’S KINGDOM**

- Before running earnestly after God, Jeremy Lin would play for the audience. After he changed his audience to God alone, he began to see success in his career. God became the only audience that he played for, thus during difficult games he could feel that God was directing his body to play. Sometimes, God also allows Jeremy Lin to not have good plays but even so, Jeremy Lin remains joyful.
- The purpose of success that God brings to Jeremy is not to make him well-known but to have him bear fruits, reflect God’s beauty through his life, and have joy even in hard circumstances
- All we need to do is to earnestly seek after God and God will lead us to bear fruits.  
*“You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” (Acts 2:28)*
- God has directed us the path of life. A lot of young people hope to become famous and to have their own way. However, when they actually achieve world’s success, often times they remain unhappy. The joy that the Lord wants to give us is not merely happiness through success.
- During sister Hsu’s late years, she went back to Taiwan. Every morning she prayed for her pastors, until one day God told her that He would bring her Home. A couple months after, she went to be with the Lord. This mother and sister led many people to Christ. This is the true success. Let us not just live merely for our academics or works without having the joy of the Lord. The life that God wants us to live out is a life full of joy, a life that bears fruits.
- The Culture of Honor that we speak about is not only superficial works, but is a life transformation, an inner appreciation of others, gentility and humility towards one another. We are not born perfect. However, because we abide in God and understand that He longs to take hold of us to live out a life that will influence the people around us. When we care for others or spread the gospel, we must also first abide in Him.
- Young people, let us not go after things that will pass away. Instead, let us press on and seek after the success of God’s Kingdom.

**+ ACTION PLAN**

- Spend some time to ask the Holy Spirit if there’s anything that you can do or say to someone so they will feel loved and honored (Through what God speaks to you, take hold of this opportunity to share the gospel to unbelievers).

**+ DISCUSSION**

1. What is success in God’s eyes? What can you learn from the life of the athlete in the video, sister Hsu, or Jeremy Lin?
2. What does it mean to “abide” in God? How to plan to live out a life that abides in God?
3. Please share what you experienced in your action plan.