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THE REAL CHAMPIONS

Assuredly I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist, but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
MATTHEW 11:11-12

Jesus taught that no one born of a woman was greater than John the Baptist—he was the greatest. But when He said ‘until now’ it signified that **SOMETHING CHANGED**. Jesus turned His world upside down. He flipped the structure and functioning of the kingdom and gave it to those “*who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but ‘OF’ GOD.*” You are born of God! Your birth **SANCTIONS** you to manifest **GREATNESS**.

The kingdom of heaven operates on divine power. If you tap into this energy or vital force you move in the same miraculous power as Jesus—**CONNECTED** to the same line of authority. This inner force makes you unbeatable in overcoming obstacles that stand in the way of making a difference in this world. It happens the moment you remove the limitation—unstopping the wells of Abraham you access the power of the spiritual world.

=The Violent Take It By Force

“Most look up and admire the stars. A champion climbs a mountain and grabs one.” It’s never enough to admire the stars or esteem the ideals of other great men and women unless you make them your own. Those who do are the real champions.

Challenges become the stepping stones to achieving goals. 300 blew their trumpet declaring, “*The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!*” and valiantly walked over the walls to capture the stronghold at Jericho. Joab’s small band of men courageously climbed up the underground water shaft to defeat the Jebusites and take the stronghold at Jerusalem. David dwelt there and called it the City of David.

Champions do great exploits. In the middle of the last century Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while advocating nonviolence courageously sang, “We shall overcome.” Through his

unwavering efforts our nation passed the Civil Rights Act in 1964. He had a dream of healing and regenerating an entire population by eliminating injustice WITHIN the soul of mankind “by reaching into and beyond ourselves and tapping the transcendent moral ethic of LOVE.” In 1987 Ronald Reagan gave a speech before the closed Brandenburg Gate in West Germany saying, “Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!”—and four years later the Berliner’s tore down the wall that opened the way to freedom.

=Taking it to the Next Level

Champions know that success is inevitable; that there is no such thing as failure, only feedback. MICHAEL GELB

Feedback is the breakfast of champions. RICK TATE

Thomas Edison relied on feedback to help him succeed. When asked about his results he replied, “If I found 10,000 ways something won’t work, I haven’t failed. I am not discouraged because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.” Edison used feedback to narrow his options until he found the one filament that worked in a light bulb.

Feedback monitors blind spots—letting you know whether you’re on course or in need of adjustment. Sincere feedback from others viewing your performance comes in the form of comments, opinions or reactions to help you be more effective. Champions incorporate these recommendations immediately. If you’re willing to accept constructive criticism you’ll continually improve until you excel in what you do.

Although you desire to pursue your ideals, some experience frustration from not knowing how. Never let fear stop you. Take your plight to another level of possibility. Feedback is an OPPORTUNITY to learn what works or doesn’t work. Accessing the power of God’s Spirit feeds your seed of greatness until you burst forth a champion.

Feedback lets you view your performance through the eyes of someone else. Politicians use votes, magazines use sales and ‘letters to the editor,’ athletes use competition, students use grades, etc. There are many types of feedback. God speaks feedback in many different ways through the Body of Christ. There’s a longing to hear “*Well done good and faithful (reliable and tested) servants.*” When you ENCOURAGE another you’re FUNCTIONING as His Body.

=Precision Relies on Accurate Feedback

Sonar transmits and reflects underwater sound waves. It measures distances by listening to the returning echoes. This is valuable feedback for submarines determining depth levels or intercepting other vessels underwater. But sonar is useless for detecting aircraft overhead. This requires another type of feedback that uses radio waves—RADAR.

Radar was still in its infancy in December of 1941 when U.S. military operators at Pearl Harbor detected and reported incoming Japanese aircraft. How different the

outcome if the superiors had been trained to TRUST this type of feedback. Radar proved so effective for England that Germany abandoned all daytime air assaults over London.

In 1946 an American radar device measured 238,857 miles to the moon—and caught the imagination of rocket engineers. Once they calculated the distance, they BELIEVED they could build a space ship to land on the moon! It's the BELIEF that thrust America into the space age. *"According to your BELIEF let it be done unto you."*

On July 20, 1969 the Apollo 11 mission landed the lunar module 'Eagle' on the moon. 500 million people worldwide watched Neil Armstrong step onto the surface of the moon and heard him say, "This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

=Feedback is a Learning Process

You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence is not an event—it is a habit. ARISTOTLE

Learning from feedback starts in infancy. You learned to eat by first developing the skills of holding a spoon. Once you steer the spoon into your mouth you've established positive FEEDBACK that can be repeated or refined. You didn't tell yourself which muscles to contract or how far to extend your arm. Instead you subconsciously relied on a hit or miss method of positive/negative feedback to guide you until it became a HABIT.

Driving a car isn't automatic either. You practiced enough times until you made it a habit to put on your seatbelt, check your mirrors, turn the key, etc. It becomes instinctive. Some might even question how they reached their destination because they don't remember actually driving—they did it all subconsciously!

You learn through properly interpreting until it becomes a habit. Feedback refines your skills but REPETITION makes it a habit. The fact that you can eat or drive indicates you can learn other NEW THINGS through feedback and repetition—like dancing or computers.

=Empowerment

There is only one thing for you to do, and that is to do your best right where you are every day of your lives. To use your best judgment, and then to trust the rest to the Power which holds the forces of the universe in His hands. ORISON SWETT MARDEN

He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
PSALMS 107:20

Everything God requires has opportunity for physical manifestation. MARK HANBY

"Upholding all things by the word of His power" can be learned like holding a spoon or driving a car—but it takes it to another dimension. Discover what you love to do and lay hold of it. It's reaching for the moon because you BELIEVE it's possible. You succeed because you WILL it to happen by believing, thinking or imagining it happening.

“Anything you pray for and ask, BELIEVE that you WILL receive it, and it WILL be done to him.”

You know the truth and that very truth makes you free. Because you BELIEVED you could succeed *"you become what you behold."* It happens because you HOLD in your mind what's possible—the VISUALIZATION of your expectation that includes how you'll feel the moment freedom begins unfolding in your life.

Words are thoughts and thoughts are beliefs. You become what you think about. The 'belief' empowers because you UPHOLD it—you agree with it, tap into it, and use it. Repeating a word until it becomes your heart strengthens your 'belief' and it breaks all barriers—it's INNER power working its way to OUTER manifestation.

=A Champions of the Kingdom

Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. MATTHEW 20:26

And greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. JOHN 14:12

A 'champion' hungers for feedback. He knows it's never a personal attack on him; it's meant to improve his performance levels. Even if it sounds critical or negative, he'll consider it constructive because he desires to be great in the kingdom. He's not just making a living or hanging in there—he's being the best he can be to SERVE others.

Jesus said, *“I must be about My Father's business.”* Likewise champions must be about the FATHER'S business. Jesus never lived outside the Father—He was one with God. The promise is that if you live as one with the Father you'll accomplish even greater things than Jesus.

The great champions of our day are busy working with their Father. Through daily PRACTICE they learn to live as Christ. Christ in you is God in you—God thinks, speaks and acts through you. Those who live like Christ recognize others in the Body of Christ.

=All For One And One For All

What if you're hungry ... destitute ... downtrodden in search of righteousness? Did you know you're the servants in your Father's kingdom? The moment you respond to feedback, band tighter together to promote harmony, or develop Christ consciousness—you're destroying the very root of all unhappiness, misery, want and war. Perhaps you choose to stand now—every one without exception and begin to RISE UP as the new man in Christ. Perhaps you need a means of assistance, a breastplate, a shield, a sword or a shoulder to lean on—some of you need others for a spiritual jump-start to get moving.

Look around you. The Body of Christ is the sum of all its parts—help those around you to stand with you now. Manifest the glory of His kingdom today. Proclaim God's mercy and graciousness to each other: God's forgiveness HEALS bodies ... God's abounding goodness MENDS broken hearts ... God's truth RESTORES the mind. Let

'how' you act and speak be the feedback that FUELS your brethren onto victory. Rise up together in His greatness as one man; be champions supporting and serving the brethren!

If you live your life without flinching at the work, then you'll find that you face life conscious of God's power moving through you. You become one with God and find the seeds of God's incredible greatness sprouting and growing to full stature in you—you are champions in the kingdom of heaven.

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