



# THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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What would it take to step over the boundary of our comfort zone to respond to the destiny that God has planned for us? God wanted to expand Moses' territory and to use him mightily; however, Moses had so many complaints, objections and concerns (Exodus 3:10-13). He was not ready because of his Jewish descent, his bad temper, and he was a poor speaker; moreover, he was a murderer. As Christians, we are like Moses, but God assures us that he can expand our boundaries despite our limitations (Exo. 3:12) and He will never forsake nor abandon us. (Deut. 31:6-8)

#### 1. God wants to expand our territory.

When God expands our territory, our responsibilities correspondingly increase. God has called us to do miraculous deeds with Him. He has a divine “blueprint” for each of us. However, are we prepared? Are we ready? Nonetheless, God is always with us to answer our prayers and to meet our desires.

#### 2. God has planned a Jabez destiny for us, but sometimes we are laden with a multitude of concerns.

Moses was overwhelmed with the responsibility given by God. He did not feel up to the challenge because of his past failures. Truly, God has great plans for us too. However, we sometimes hesitate to respond to His call because of our feelings of inadequacy, our fear of failures, our timidity and our refusal to get out of our comfort zone (2 Tim. 1:7).

If we trust God, then we will succeed no matter how enormous the task is. We should be willing to be used by Him. We should not wait for all the answers to our questions, to be able to serve the Lord. Also, if we wait before we witness, we

might lose the opportunity to bring the “lost” ones to Christ.

#### 3. God's response to our objections/concerns

He assures us that we will have the strength for everything through Him who empowers us (Phil. 4:13). We have His Word that He will never abandon nor forsake us (Deut. 31:6 & 8; Heb. 13:5). In the same way, we can also trust God to equip us and supply our needs (Phil. 4:19).

### CONCLUSION

Despite our concerns, we need to remind ourselves how good God is. We need to know God very well so that we are not afraid to do His work. He is a God of miracles: the God of the impossible. Let us not limit God's capability to work wonders through us. God chose us not for our skill, power or intelligence, but for our simple faith and trust in Him (1 Cor. 1: 26-29). If we work with God, nothing will be impossible for us.

### REFLECTIONS

1. What is the overwhelming task or ministry God wants you to do or attend to? Are you making excuses for not obeying?
2. Have you done some excuses why you have not decided to trust His grace intended for your eternal Life?

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