

WEIRD SERIES (PART 4)
WEIRD ENOUGH TO CHANGE YOUR WORLD
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I Samuel 17:20-29

I. Introduction

A. Welcome to vision Sunday! We do vision Sunday to give thanks and to get _____.
Because of God and how you, HFTW family showed up for God, amazing things happened in 2020! Thank you!

B. We believe it is not only important that we give thanks but that we get focused. People of victory always stay focused on what God has given them to _____, not what the enemy is sending to distract, divide, and discourage them. Focus brings alignment and alignment brings revival.

“If people can’t see what God is doing they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.” (Proverbs 29:18 MSG)

C. The heart of our vision is to raise up a radical community of difference-makers who change their worlds and then together change the whole _____.

1. **HFTW Mission Statement:** We are a Kingdom family, a fearless army of compassion, uniting people to treasure, teach, and take God’s extravagant heart to transform His world.

2. We live with the weird perspective that the best life is not a life we live to get our desires but a life we live to make a _____ for God and others. We want to be people who are becoming different, so that we can make a difference, doing things that make a difference, with others that want to make a difference, so God gets the glory and the world becomes a _____ place.
David epitomizes this kind of weird (I Samuel 17:20-29 NIV).

II. Characteristics of world changers

A. They are moved by a _____ and a cause. A burden is a combination of anger that refuses to accept the unacceptable and the courage to do what God wants them to do about it. You know you are going to change the world when you receive a burden to do something for God that you can’t not do. *“Is there not a cause?” (I Samuel 17:29)*

B. They have the audacity to believe that through Christ _____ change the world.

“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who usually do.”
-Steve Jobs

1. They believe they were _____ for a mission and have a power in them that can change atmospheres.

- *“Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it.” (Ephesians 2:10b TPT)*
- *“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” (I John 4:4 NIV)*

2. They realize that it is not us who makes the difference but how God can use us when we give what we are and make what we have _____ His.

3. They see problems as God’s platforms. They know that the darker it is, the _____ their light will shine.

C. They understand that we change the world by first _____ changed. We make the world salty by being saltier. We bring the presence of God to the world by encountering the presence of God for ourselves on a daily basis. God wants us to be catalysts for change.

We have to be _____ to start a fire. *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?” (Matthew 5:13 NIV)*

Ways we become the change:

1. Pursuing the _____ in prayer, worship, Bible study, and times of retreat.
2. By being in a _____ where we are transparent, accountable, pouring out our hearts and being poured into. *“Moab has been at rest from youth, like wine left on its dregs, not poured from one jar to another she has gone into exile. So she tastes as she did, and her aroma is unchanged.” (Jer. 48:11 NIV)*
3. Seeking opportunities to _____ to our full potential. (Growth track, HFTW SMM)

D. They take _____. They do what they can, where they can and with what they have. They don't wait to figure everything out; they just do it!

“Do for one person what you wish you could do for everyone.” -Andy Stanley

1. Start in your own _____. Pray every day to make the biggest difference you can in the life of every person you have the chance to impact. Be the waiter with the pitcher looking for the half glass that needs to be filled.
2. See everything you do as a ministry and everywhere you go as a _____.
 - “There are watchers, waiters, wishers everywhere but Jesus prayed for ‘workers.’” (Matt. 9:38)
 - “I can't change the whole world but I can throw a stone that will create a ripple.”
-Mother Teresa
3. Let God turn the pain of your past into something He uses to bring healing to others' _____.

E. Team up with _____ to make your biggest difference.

“One is too small a number for greatness.” -John Maxwell

To fulfill a dream, find a team. David changed his life when he killed Goliath; he changed the world by raising up a mighty army.

“You can do what I can't do, I can do what you can't do together we can change the world.”

1. Uniting means being willing to set aside our _____ of opinions and preferences to focus our energies together on what matters most.
2. Uniting means all of us are eager to sacrifice to do _____.

HFTW's vision is to multiply teams of champions (committed, commissioned, ambassadors of Jesus) that will multiply ministries, that change people's lives here and around the world. It is never too late to begin to live God's dream for your life.

“Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go, they only tell you where you start.”
God wants to use you in a way greater than you ever imagined.

F. Difference-makers always live with since of _____.

“If not you, who?” “If not now, when?” *“This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is, time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” (Romans 13:11 NLT)*

(Answers: I. A. focused B. accomplish C. world, difference, different II. A. burden B. they can, born, completely, brighter C. being, on fire, presence of God, small group, grow D. action, backyard, mission field, future E. others, differences, our part F. urgency)