

A Glorious Moment...

"LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE,
BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY."

- GEORGE CARLIN



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Upcoming Events

- Pastor Ohm in Toronto for the last week in May
- Teacher's Seminar on Saturday May 29th..
- World Cup from June 10 to July 11th

Day 1: Repositioning the way you think

I'm happy to report that the leadership retreat was a great success! On the first day of the retreat T.J. Jakes was the key-note speaker and I found his words so powerful that I would like to highlight 2 stories that impacted my role with LOVEa ministry as well as the way I viewed some of my own life experiences. Hopefully you can learn something from them too. I'll try my best to reiterate what Jakes was speaking about...

T.J. Jakes spoke about his mother, an educator, who wanted all her children to learn how to read, write and count to 100. Jakes, is in his learning process of counting to 100 - he discovers that in order to count to 100 all you really need to learn is how to count from 0 - 10. Here is his rationale...You begin by learning how to count to 10. Then you would begin to think of the next 10 numbers in a series of levels. For example, the next level would be 11 where you would add numbers 1-9 making 11, 12, 13...and so on and so forth until you get to the next level and add 0 to make 20...as we move higher you get to level 21...31...41...etc, again adding numbers 0-9 through each level.

Jakes then paralleled this story to help us reflect on the levels of our lives. He wanted us to learn how to go back down to level one without the mind frame that we are starting at the beginning. He explores the reality that we actually finished levels 1-10 and we are moving towards another level - experiencing numbers 11-21 and giving us the opportunity for more learning. Needless to say, the question I posed to myself was, "Am I ready for the next level of learning in my life?"

After Jakes speech and much contemplation I spoke to the women at the retreat and told them that I truly felt my time was coming near to the end with LOVEa ministry. I told them that I was going to slowly move away from my leadership role and begin to explore new opportunities. I was going to move onto a new level. I assured the women not to lose heart because I would still be there for them, but with more of a shadow/mentorship role. I also told them that that this would give those who wanted more experience in leadership an opportunity to shine - that they could finally put their learning's into practice!

The second story I want to share with you is about a little boy who watched an eagle fasten his eye on his prey and soar down and pick it up with his large talons. As the eagle flew into the heavens, it all of a sudden fell to the ground and the boy was shocked, wondering why the mighty bird had fallen. The little boy ran to the bird and turned its massive wing over. He discovered that the prey was a weasel that was biting and eating at the eagle's chest while he was flying in the air. It then occurred to the boy that it wasn't that the weasel that made the eagle fall to his death, but it was the eagle that had refused to let go of what was eating at him.

Jakes then asked a series of questions, "What are you holding on to that is stopping you from flying?" What is stopping you from reaching the next dimension of your life that God has planned for you? He then said, "LET IT GO!" Release everything that is holding you back from this season of your life. God has something for you to do, but you cannot go any higher with that weasel attached to your breast. This is the moment, this is the season. This is the time for you to forget those things that are behind you and reach for those things that are before, and simply let go. I think that everybody at some point in their lives has had a weasel eating at them and for some reason you just won't let it go! I pray that all of you will be encouraged to let go of whatever is eating at your heart, reposition yourself to come into your season because I believe that you can fly!



Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray for the World Cup.
- Pray for the all the land issues to be resolved before we build the other schools.
- Pray for the new short-terms to help build God's Kingdom. (Elaine from Toronto, Canada staying for 3 months / Cathy from Korea and US staying for 1 month / Pastor Ohm's nephew from Korea staying for a couple of months.
- The Preschools will still be opened while the World Cup is here. Pray that the parents will continue to bring their kids to school even though the holiday season is upon them.

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A Khayelitsha Moment...

"I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: First, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

- Hudson Taylor



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Kids from Zola singing at Gordon's Bay Baptist Church



Partners in God's Kingdom

I have the privilege of working and sharing my ministry with many wonderful people in South Africa. It's awesome to know that we all share a similar goal of wanting to build God's Kingdom!

Right now, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank some of the board members of African Leadership as they take an active role in building God's Kingdom! Malcolm Taylor, a member on the board has found an organization that is willing to plant trees in all the preschools that we have built. The teachers and children are so excited and looking forward to shade and making their school beautiful.

Lawrence Nissen, another board member has got his Gordon's Bay church more involved in their community by agreeing to have Sunday May 15th devoted entirely to African Leadership. As of now, they are thinking of the possibility of helping in a township called Zola near their church, by helping expand the Children's church as well as taking parts in other projects. The last board member I would like to mention is Dr. E.J. van der Walt who lives the farthest away in Hermanus, but is very active in trying to get the local churches in South Africa involved with African Leadership. Please help me praise these men of God through prayer and thank them for their servant hearts!

Praise Items and Prayer Request

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Board Members of African Leadership.
- Pray that the board members can make an impact in their community and their churches with their involvement with African Leadership.
- Pray that South Africa can see the need to build God's Kingdom in their country.
- Pray for the board members family and friends.