

# There is Always More!

*A New Level Awaits You!*



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# Be More!

Have you ever felt that there was something deep inside of you that keeps pushing to come out? It is like a geyser of warm, refreshing water that wants to explode but the pressure of the rock formation keeps it contained. Yet it continues to keep erupting until it finally breaks forth against all constraints and gushes out in ways you never expected.

God has given me a message that will give you hope, challenge you, and cause you to erupt out of complacency and into your amazing life in the Lord.

For those that do not know me, I have been a Christian since I was in my twenties. I lived the typical Christian life, overall felt contentment amidst the many challenges that life often brings. Then several difficult circumstances occurred around the same time that forced me to seek the Lord for answers. As a result, I began to experience significant times of intimacy with Jesus. This is when the eruptions began! Looking back, I realized the Lord was forcing me to look past my own complacency, my own constraints, and begin believing for the impossible.

I always tended toward keeping rules, being extra cautious, and wanting everything low risk. I was not much of a risk taker and definitely did not challenge status quo very often.

But this changed after a series of supernatural encounters that forced me to keep tipping into the heavenly phenomena God was presenting. God decided to answer my prayer for the more that I was desperately seeking.

First the Lord showed me how shallow my life actually was. This occurred while reading the gospels several times and discovering what I was missing. It caused me to question why I was not experiencing what his disciples did. Christianity as I had known it was no longer interesting. Inside I knew there was something more and I wanted it all.

I began to see in the spirit realm, hearing his voice more clearly, and learning about a realm I never really had been taught about. I was excited yet fearful. All of it was so new to me and finding someone to mentor me was difficult. So I lived in my little world which was spiritually refreshing. Out of fear of what others thought, I kept it private.

I often would go to my brother's camp on a nearby lake to seek the Lord and hear what he had to say to me. As I sat on the dock, I heard the Lord tell me he was going to do 'a new thing' and would remove the old wine skin and place a new wineskin upon me. Then he pointed me toward Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, nor consider

the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth. Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

What did this mean? I pondered Mark 2;21-22 about the wine-skin and sought the Lord about ‘the new thing’ he was doing. Even though I did not receive an answer, I continued my search for what this new thing could be.

In October that year, my father passed away. During that time I distinctly heard the Lord say, “This will be your last year of teaching for I am going to do a new thing for you.” This was my career that I loved.

I panicked! This is what I knew, the visible, the comfortable place. God was asking me to believe him for something I could not visibly see or that next thing I had no understanding of. What was even more crazy was that this ‘new thing’ was not revealed to me for that entire year. All I knew was that he wanted me to resign and trust him for my next ‘thing’ even though nothing was in sight. I want to add here that I had completed a master’s program in counseling but had no desire to do this for a living. I just did it because I like to learn and the teenagers I was teaching needed help. They looked to me for answers for life situations that I did not have. Once again, looking back, God was already positioning me but because I was kicking against it, I could not fully see.

He was teaching me how to trust but honestly, it was difficult. It was only after I resigned that I began to see. My eyes began to open up to the impossible. God opened my eyes to

his plan and purpose for my life that took me down an entirely different path that I never imagined or considered. As I started to embrace the vision God had placed within me, that geyser I mentioned earlier started to rise up and gush out in waves. His perfect plan and provision for me was revealed. What I thought was impossible became real to me quite quickly. Opportunities suddenly popped forth that would again prepare me for his ultimate plan.

I also was given an overwhelming vision that took me completely by surprise. This vision was detailed, inclusive, and revealed an overview of my assignment. I was to buy a building, host conferences, start my own counseling business, train up others in deliverance, the prophetic, and the move of the Holy Spirit. Its impact was powerful and life-changing.

I realized that throughout my life in the church, I had no real vision or purpose but rather was just doing church, its programs with no real direction. This all changed after receiving his vision for my life.

*“ Where there is no vision, the people perish...”*

*Proverbs 29:18*

God, out of his goodness, had given me a vision that was out of my realm of expertise, not within my financial means, nor in my spiritual realm. Yet I could not get it out of my system. Instead I prayed into it and decided to trust God for the impossible.

I discovered in a study of vision from Myles Munroe's book on *The Principles and Power of Vision* that vision is the key to unlocking the gates of what was and what is and is the propelling force that allows us to see what could be and what has not yet been. Vision sets us free from the limitations of what the eyes can see in the visible realm and makes the unseen visible and the unknown possible.

In order to experience the impossible, you have to allow yourself to see. It takes peering into the unknown and considering the what-ifs. When God is involved, that new thing becomes inviting and possible. Even when everything in the natural says no, vision generates hope. Even in the midst of despair vision provides endurance when the trials or obstacles seem too much to bear or unmanageable. For me, my vision became the foundation of courage and plummeted me into a persistence that I could do it, of course with God's help.

Too many of us have no vision for our lives and most do not know how to get one. We live day to day in discouragement and frustration trying to figure out what we are here for.

A lack of purpose and unfulfilled potential is epidemic in our world. Yet there is "gold" inside each of us waiting to be revealed.

Even though many Christians get stuck in spiritual immaturity, many are getting ready to experience more of God. God is calling us higher by planting a desire for the greater things he promised in the gospels. In our equipping and training school, many are seeking and making statements that they know

there is so much more for their lives and in the relationship with God. They have a drive to pursue it. Their comments include a shift inside of them to reach out of complacency, small thinking, and a deep desire to tap into the life Jesus walked in.

We are living in a time of divine transition. Not only are things changing in the world around us, people's lives are changing too. God is shifting His people, positioning them from one assignment to the next, from one sphere of influence or authority to the next, from one opportunity to the next, and from one season to the next.

Are you one of those that God is currently speaking to. You know you are being shifted into a new level. This can be in your personal life, your professional endeavors and in the ministry you are connected to. God is advancing many of us in His purposes and moving us forward. He is preparing and equipping us for greater accomplishments so that every sphere of society can be affected and changed for his glory.

I believe that you are longing to fulfill God's great purposes for your life and that you desire to see His kingdom come and His will be done on earth, just as it is in heaven. If you are like many others, you may also be going through many changes in your life right now as God is preparing you to be used in new and different ways for His glory in the days ahead. In fact, many of you are seeking for more - more authority, more grace, more wisdom, more anointing, and an increase from the heavenly realm in order to accomplish it. Assignments and purposes are being poured out right now.

In the midst of transition, you may have many questions and moments of uncertainty. There are times when fear will grip you and questions will arise that make you second-guess what the Lord has given you. I have been in these moments many times. It feels like a massive swirl of confusion that won't allow your feet to become grounded. Yet as I look back, God actually took me out of the old place and set me feet into the new.

Concerning the times and seasons of our lives, Daniel 2:21 teaches us that "He [God] changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning" (NIV).

Because God does give us wisdom and knowledge about the changes in our lives, you can be sure that you have everything you need to move to your next level. You have enough to make the shift. For me, God not only revealed the exact building he wanted me to purchase but also placed two others in my path that helped me financially. He had already gone before me. Every question I had, he had the answer.

Are you ready to step out of your current into a new level?. Here are some tips from my own experiences that may help you forge ahead.

1. Be sure of the vision. When God begins to take you through the process of change, you must make sure you are absolutely convinced that the vision or passion God has placed upon your life is from Him. This can be challenging for several reasons but when you know that God Him-

self has called you, it resonates within you. It sticks to you like glue! You cannot seem to get away from the vision even if it seems too grand for you.

The vision I received was out of my comfort zone which is typically of God. But He kept drawing me back to it like a magnet and I was unable to get away from it.

Being convinced that God spoke this into you is a necessity. If you are not and continually hesitate or second guess, you will give up. The enemy wants us to drop what God places within us. Only when we are sure of the vision, will you be able to overcome the challenges that go with it. Each challenge placed before us is God's way of helping us persevere through hardships. Our determination to continue forward in the midst of these challenges is what will successfully move forward.

It has only been through a deep conviction of my call that I have been able to persevere. Many times I wanted to quit but within those times, a determination to fulfill God's plan for my life would arise. I am so thankful I did because the fruit of what I am experiencing is amazing.

2. Be careful about prophetic input. I highly value the prophetic ministry and actually move in a prophetic anointing. Remember to confirm what God is saying to you before making any significant changes. Seek God personally praying for his direction and do not rely only on the prophetic word.

If the prophetic word is confirmed within you, begin to act upon it and seek God for next steps. If it does not fit you, put it aside while you continue to seek direction.

He may keep prompting you to act, but after a while, you can become dull of hearing and miss moving on to the new level to which God has called you. Don't miss what God is saying or speaking to you. Learn how to know the timing of God and move in it.

I have learned that when God speaks about a next step for my ministry, I need to turn aside and seek His direction. I press in so that I do not miss what he is doing. I receive confirmation when those I am being mentored by also receive similar directions. The Lord recently told me to host once a month Friday night worship and prayer. After praying about it, I stepped out in faith contacting worship leaders that I knew. The calendar quickly filled with each month being booked. The effects of these prayer times have been striking. Yet even more striking is that in other areas in the region I live and across the border in Canada, leaders also received the same mandate. God joined our hearts in unison for significant change in our area.

3. Recall what God has been doing in your life. God will build on your past experiences, so make sure you don't stay stuck in an old season. We must always be looking forward, accepting God's grace from our past, and get into position for whatever God wants to do in our future. When we chose to forget the mistakes and learn the lessons, we then move forward more quickly. Whatever experiences you

have had whether it be in your professional capacity, your social settings, or in ministry all are places of God training and equipping you for your destiny. Each experience can be viewed as preparation for the new season I am entering.

I did not know that God was the force behind my completing my master's program. Even in the process, my supervisor continually pressed me to go for my professional counseling license. Even though this was not a direction I wanted to take, I completed the test and became licensed. Little did I know at the time that his plan for me was inside the vision he later gave me. Not only was I to start my own faith based counseling business but the center would have other counselors as well. He first trained me in another agency, then provided the building, and then placed supportive helpers and counselors within the center just as he had shown me in the vision.

When you consider the involvement and experience God has given you in the past, realize that He has been equipping you for the next level. God will expand you in those specific areas or build upon the foundation that is already in you.

What seemed like failures you have been through, the ones that bring disappointment and pain, are actually God preparing you to manage at the next level. This allows you to manage more of what he wants to give you. If you continually learn from the well of your experience and see that God has used your past to prepare you, your perspective will evolve toward the greater things God wants to do through you. When you focus on what God is doing to strengthen you or increase

your faith during times of trauma, chaos, or stressors, it is then that you grow exponentially.

4. Transformation must take place. When God begins to shift you from one assignment to another, you will be required to make some changes. Each new level requires specific changes that you must embrace. It is not going to look like what was done previously. Instead you may have to embrace new thinking about your own capabilities, new ways of accomplishing that new assignment or increase different avenues of help.

It involves the practical changes you need to make in your life in order to actually fulfill the new assignment or embrace the new season God has for you. My new season required me to accept the position of founder of a ministry and take a leadership role. It became more than just a spiritual exercise but rather plunged me into new disciplines that were not necessarily within my expertise. We often think we will be prepared for a new assignment if they pray more, worship more and read the Bible more regularly.

These disciplines are important in times of transition, but there are also natural components to the changes God will bring in your life as He moves you forward. Moving to your new level will impact every area of your life, so be equipped and accept necessary changes required for the new position.

I had to make changes regarding my thinking as a business owner, leader, and speaker. It involved increasing my self-esteem and confidence in what God was calling me to do. In

each step, I embraced God's view instead of what my truth had been previously or what others were saying. When you make changes according to your new level, challenges in how people will respond to you occur. Even if these changes are positive, they may not like it. When God positions you in a new level and you transform accordingly, accept the new level of influence and embrace the course God has you on. Don't turn back because others are uncomfortable with the new you. Instead, get excited and embrace change.

5. Confront opposition. Don't be naive and believe everyone will embrace what you are doing. At each new level you will encounter various forms of opposition. Some will knock you down and back so hard that you may think you will not recover. Others may only affect you slightly. The devil wants to move you backward, or at least to cause you to stay where you are. He will use those that you thought were your friends, family members, and even those in religious circles to confront what you are doing. The devil will bombard you with many thoughts or feelings designed to hold you back so you must recall frequently how God impacted you and stay the course.

At first I was naive and believed those in religious circles would embrace what I was doing. God has specifically told me that the center would be a resource for ministries and churches. Instead of a resource, the enemy put fear and competition upon many of their hearts. This initially devastated me but eventually I was able to move forward.

Do not expect your transition to be easy. Know that the changes will have their challenges, and make a proactive decision to emerge victorious, by God's grace, in every way.

One of the greatest barriers to moving forward to the next level is being too comfortable where you are and doing what you currently are doing. You may want something different, but when you move into it, you realize that the new assignment forces you out of your comfort and into a new place where you have to fight to become comfortable. It will stretch you, challenge you and be full of experiences that you are unaccustomed to.

It is here that you must break through the barrier of your uncomfortableness or you may never enter into the next level. He will not force you to embrace anything new, but I believe He wants you to do so in order to fulfill His purposes for your life.

6. You need others. We have to come to a conclusion that we cannot do this alone. Everyone has their place or assignment and we need to align with those that will help us move forward. We need likeminded people whom you can trust and speak into your life. I value those who remain loyal and committed even during difficult times. They encourage, build you up, have your best interest in mind, and speak truth even though it hurts!

Shortly after starting my business and ministry, I felt all alone. Sitting in a new church I was attending, the Lord brought to my attention the only woman who was raising her hands prais-

ing the Lord. When I glanced over, I heard the Lord say in my spirit, "I am placing her along side you. Go and introduce yourself." After the service ended, I went over and said, "God told me to introduce myself to you." Because of my obedience, I now have a loyal friend one who has become my armor-bearer and constant prayer warrior for everything I attempt. Her prayers and involvement in my life has helped me continue on my journey. It also has affected her life into entering into the assignment God had for her.

I have many mentors in my life that helps me make ministry decisions, learn from my mistakes, provide wisdom and guidance, and help me grow. They not only speak truth into me when I need it but also encourage and build me up. Proper alignment with a mentor is not only a great source of guidance and support, it can also be crucial to the fulfillment of your destiny and vital to your getting to the next level.

I also have discovered that in these mentoring relationships, there is always a gleaning that takes place. Not only do you glean from their experiences, but they glean from you. I have received impartation from those that mentor me. In every mentor relationship I have been in, I have grown spiritually but also in business expertise and relational strength.

7. Spiritual attacks will come. The more you move into God's unfolding purposes for your life, the more effective you become for Him—and the more of a threat you become to the kingdom of darkness. We know that Jesus came to earth to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8) and we know that,



in Him, we are assured of victory in every situation (2 Cor. 2:14).

But our certain triumph does not eliminate the battle. We have an enemy; we are engaged in a spiritual war; and we must fight.

These attacks seem to intensify when we move from one level to the next. Whenever we embrace a new season or take on a new assignment, warfare follows because the enemy wants to stop us from doing what we are called to do to advance God's kingdom. You are probably accustomed to the level of warfare you have experienced in your current circumstances, but you need to know that when you step up, the battles will heat up.

New battles require new strategies, but your basic equipment remains the same. In Christ, you have spiritual armor to protect against the attacks of the enemy (Eph. 6:13-18). You also have the weapon of His Word, the power of His Spirit and the reinforcement of other believers. Fighting may be difficult but you must learn how to confront these dark forces. One of my courses, *Fighting from a Heavenly Position*, is designed to help us understand spiritual battles, ways to combat the enemy, and how to be victorious in whatever attack is sent our way.

Though attacks will come, you will overcome with God's help. With each new thing, God has given me specific strategy to rise above. Ask and you will receive. He desires to help you tap into His greater things that He is calling you into.

8. Embrace your assignment. Once you are convinced that God has called you to the next level and you truly step into it, you will begin to feel the responsibility and authority of that level. You will sense an anointing and a grace from God to do what you are supposed to be doing in your new season.

Be careful not to become apologetic about what God has done for you. And do not allow false humility creep into your thoughts and conversation. If God is using you powerfully and you are experiencing fruit, embrace it.

A genuinely humble person accepts and acknowledges what God has done in his or her life but it does not stop them from moving forward and using the gifts God has given them. At times we may have the tendency to downplay what God is doing. I believe this grieves God's heart. We must be honest about what He is doing, embrace each gift, and give God the glory.

At first, due to negative responses of what I was doing, I shut down some of the anointing. Religious circles did not understand and some did not believe in deliverance ministry. Even what God was doing through inner healing in counseling was often rejected because it was out of their norm. I flow in the spiritual for guidance and often God's ways are not our ways. Yet the fruit was obvious as individuals became healed, renewed, and revived to live life for the Lord. I had to embrace what God was doing in my life even if it was not exactly how it had been done before. We too must enter into more of God's wisdom and follow his lead. When we do, our confidence and

anointing will increase. Don't deny who God designed you to be.

9. God's time frame is typically different from ours. We often receive the vision and expect it to happen within our expected time from. Successful transition does not happen quickly, and for you, getting to the next level may take time. Determine to be patient as you move into your new season. Do not try to change things for yourself too quickly or rush ahead of God's timing.

One thing I have learned it that it is a process not an event. At first I thought it was an immediate event that was going to occur. After ten years of implementing each aspect of the vision, I now realize that God is more interested in orchestrating change in us. He wants to grow us and help us become mature in Him. This can be slow or quick depending on our response. For me, I had to confront my own fears in order to manage the vision he gave me. God will work deliberately in our lives so that His plan for us is accomplished. He loves when we join him in this process and patiently cooperate with him. We must move with Him in order to reach our destiny.

10. Radical faith is required. Any time God is shifting you from one level to the next, there comes a point at which you simply must "go for it." This can be the scariest thing you have ever done, but going for it will step you into a new level of faith. So many of the great heroes in the Bible implemented radical faith - bold faith. Each time they did, they experienced new levels in their walk with God.

This is a point beyond commitment, a point past making a firm decision to move forward; it is the point at which you actually put one foot in front of the other and take the critical steps that will solidify you in your new position. This is the point at which faith springs into action and becomes more alive than ever before.

Each time God reveals to me what He wants me to do, I have to embrace a boldness that pushes me forward. We are called to walk by faith. When we do, we begin to understand that there are no limits to what God can do in our lives. God's way is a way of faith. God is faithful. He is faithful to finish the work He has begun in you (see Phil. 1:6).

Don't limit what God can do in your life. I have learned that all things are possible. There is always more in our journey with the Lord.

Allow yourself to see, to dream for your assignment and calling. My vision loomed before me. It was overwhelming but I began by taking bold steps in faith. Those around me thought I was crazy. Some said I would never succeed. Others said that what I was doing had never been done before. My counseling co-workers told me that I would not have enough clients to make it financially. Yet, the first week I opened my office, my schedule was full. In fact, each counselor in our center has full schedules. Our reputation in the community has soared. We have hosted conferences, trainings, and currently fulfilling the courses of the equipping school God showed me. Each aspect of the vision is coming to pass.

I believe this is for you as well. Whatever God has placed inside your heart - believe, trust, and step out in bold faith. All things are possible. It may never have been done before in man's eyes but remember God's way is perfect. Let the spirit of the Lord, the geyser I mentioned earlier, rise up within you breaking through every constraint that is holding you back. Your next level awaits you!

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