

BREAKING THE INERTIA

The abundant life which Christ offers can never be fully realized until we're willing to adjust our lifestyle for the sake of better utilizing the gifts he's given us. The first step is to break the inertia, but stepping out of our own way(s) and into His is the most difficult thing to do. It means beating the Law of Inertia; which states that a body at rest tends to remain at rest unless acted upon by an outside force. Our lifestyle responds to the same laws and if we don't break the inertia by taking that first initial step, we will be stuck right where we are . . . forever.

The good news is that our life is also governed by the Law of Momentum - it states that a body in motion tends to remain in motion unless acted upon by an outside force. Keep in mind that our life did not get this way overnight and in most cases, it isn't going to be made right in a day either; but once we take that first step in faith, we will find that God is with us... Trust and Rest in Him ...the battle is the Lord's!

When we look at the lives of great men and women of faith in Scripture, we see an almost consistent pattern of movement. Most of them came into the important adventures which God had for them only after they took certain bold steps to break the inertia in their lives. For some the moves were geographical. Abraham left his homeland of Haran; Joseph, after being deported to Egypt, stayed there and did not attempt to return to Canaan; Naomi, when bereft of her husband and sons, left Moab for Bethlehem. In other cases the moves were occupational. Moses, Saul, David, and others left the shepherding profession for positions of political and spiritual leadership. Some of Jesus' disciples left fishing vocations; at least one left a lucrative career in tax collecting; Joanna left a prestigious position in Herod's palace.

If these examples have anything to suggest to us today, they say that living the life of faith will at times necessitate some decisive moves to break out of the endless cycles, and stagnant patterns within our familiar comfort zones, which have kept us stuck where we are. The Key: And the most important and critically essential matter on our part is that we be open to God's will, and to his best for us, and be certain that we're not holding back from making a vital change simply because of fear of the unknown. The good news is that we usually find God's best by understanding the unique way he has made us individually and His plan and purpose for our life. From time to time we should take inventory of our life. If we find that a situation is working strongly against our making use of the gifts, interests, and passion that God has put within us, it may be time to take a bold step of faith to change the situation.

The bottom line is that living the life of faith requires some movement. You and I need to be willing to break the inertia patterns that rob us of Christ's abundant life (John 10:10). The life of faith is meant to be a moving experience. It is meant to "ROCK" our world! Psalms 11:3 & 62:6; Isaiah 26:4 (It is a Process - Precept Upon Precept – Step by Step - His Grace is sufficient). Used with permission by Blaine Smith, excerpted from Nehemiah Notes