



The Make It Happen Moment ® Life Time

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“The opportunity of a lifetime must be utilized in the lifetime of the opportunity!” – Samuel R. Chand

One afternoon, my father-in-law took my wife’s brother and his two sons down to his hunting and fishing club in the marshes of southeast Louisiana for a two day fishing trip. As a member of the Gun and Rod Club, my father-in-law enjoys an extraordinarily well-organized club with caretakers, dining, showers, sleeping halls, living room, screened porch, boat slips, tool sheds, and even a gas pump. The benefits of membership in the club are exceptional and the actual fishing is even more exceptional. Anyhow, on this particular fishing trip, my father-in-law, brother-in-law, and my two nephews had a great afternoon filling the boat with a full limit of beautiful red fish. Because they had so much fun catching the red fish, the younger of my two nephews asked his dad if they could join the fishing club. So my brother-in-law explained to him that it was expensive to join the club and that it takes a long time on the waiting list to actually become a member. As my little nephew thought about it for a moment, he responded, “I bet if they knew we caught all those fish they would let us in the club...” 😊

Unfortunately, “if only they knew” can be some very disappointing words for you and I to hear when the opportunity of a lifetime shows up at our doorstep and we fail to recognize it. For example, if only the inn-keeper in Luke 2:7 would have known who was knocking at the door of his inn on the night of the birth of Jesus. As my pastor so eloquently stated in his Christmas sermon, for whatever reason, the manager of the “Bethlehem Holiday Inn” failed to see the opportunity of a lifetime to give up his own bed and serve the King

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of kings and Lord of lords in a special way on that very special night more than 2,000 years ago. When we think of the innkeeper, it's easy for us to say to ourselves, "what was he thinking?" However, as my pastor communicated in his sermon, how many times have you and I done the very same thing in our own lives because of fear or unwillingness to leave our comfort zones when the opportunity of a lifetime shows up at our doorstep?

In 2 Chronicles 16:9, the Bible states, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him." This tells me that the Lord is always knocking on someone's door with the opportunity of a lifetime to serve Him and the purposes of our generation, if only we would answer the door. Let me encourage you - we can do it! We can be like King David who embraced the opportunity of a lifetime and fulfilled the purposes of his generation by serving the people of his lifetime with a loyal heart after God. Acts 13:36 says, "After doing God's will by serving the people of his time, David died" (God's Word). With a spirit of faith and generosity, may we embrace our respective opportunities of a lifetime to fulfill the purposes of our own generation, faithfully serving the Lord with a loyal heart and passionately doing what He has uniquely called each of us to do for Him in our lifetime!

**The "Make It Happen" Risk-Taking Value:
"Make It Happen" People Take Calculated Risks In The
Pursuit of Excellence!**

Have A Blessed "Make It Happen" Week!

"Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23 NIV

NIV study notes add "a person who truly believes will set no limits on what God can do [for them and through them]."



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