

# Imagine What God Could Do

- I. Intro
  - A. David and Goliath
- II. What has God done?
  - A. Jesus has defeated Goliath and now we ransack the enemy
  - B. The strong man is tied up and now we pillage his house
  - C. **If this is what God has done, how should it shape your life today?**
- III. What is God doing?
  - A. *Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."*
  - B. *Habakkuk 2:14 - For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*
  - C. *1 Peter 2:5 - ...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
  - D. **If this is what God is doing, how should it shape your life today?**
- IV. What does God command?
  - A. *2 Timothy 2:2, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*
    - 1. How many generations do we see in this verse? Four
  - B. Multiple generations is not a new concept:
    - 1. It's in the beginning: *"Be fruitful and multiply."*
    - 2. The middle: *Matthew 28:19–20, [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*
    - 3. The end: *Revelation 22:17, [17] The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*
  - C. God is building a family, and he wants each of us to take part in it
  - D. He is building a kingdom, and each of us has a role to play
  - E. God is assembling a building, and each of us is a stone in God's house.
  - F. God is bringing all nations together, and each of us is a tongue singing praises to our King and proclaiming his goodness to another
  - G. **If this is what God commands, how should it shape your life today?**

V. What does God want to do with your life?

A. God has plans for your life:

1. *Ephesians 2:8–10, [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*
2. Last week we talked about receiving a gift and a task

B. King David

1. *Acts 13:22, [22] And when he had removed [Saul], he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'*
2. *Acts 13:36, [36] For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers...*

C. **If this is what God has planned, how should it shape your life today?**

VI. Imagine what God could do:

- A. God has clear commands in his Scriptures that should serve as the guide rails for our lives
- B. Within those clear commands, God has unique personal and family make-up, talents, abilities, skills, resources, etc that he has entrusted to us to use as stewards
- C. We are commanded, walking w/ the mind of the Spirit, to leverage all that we have been given to walk out his commands to the best of our ability
- D. As we obey, he empowers us and we fulfill the work that he gave us to do
- E. If you try to figure out the specific works God has for you, you won't, but you can get a general direction as instructed by Scripture and introspection
- F. Imagine:
  1. What if every believer at Revolve was committed to helping a few other believers follow Jesus better?
  2. What if every believer at Revolve realized that they were reconciled to be a reconciler, blessed to be a blessing, saved to be sent and were actively trying to demonstrate and declare the love of Jesus to the world?
  3. What if every believer at Revolve had just one or two people that they were committed to helping grow and those one or two people were committed to helping one or two other people as well? What could God do?
- G. If God wants the county, the state, the country, and the world saturated with the glory of God and healthing disciples living surrendered lives to King Jesus, what strategy do we use? This is the question facing the church today as we think about HOW to make disciples.
  1. In the west, our strategy is normally to build a church and invite people to it, but Jesus and the disciples tended to meet people where they were at (market, synagogue, temple, a well) and speak truth with them
  2. Which strategy is more effective from a sheer numbers approach?

3. Is it better for Revolve to plant a church of 10,000 people every year for the next 30 years or for me to disciple one person over that same year, but that disciples will disciple one person the next year, and his disciple will disciple one person the next year, and so on and so forth. Which is better?
  4. At the end of year one, 2 ppl vs. 10,000 ppl
  5. At the end of year two, 4 ppl vs. 20,000 ppl
  6. At the end of year three, 8 people vs. 30,000 ppl
  7. By year five, it is 32 people vs. 50,000 ppl - not very impressive
  8. By year ten, it is 1,024 people vs. 100,000 ppl
  9. By year fifteen, it is 32,768 people vs. 150,000 ppl
  10. By year twenty, the small approach is now over 1m ppl, while megachurch is 200,000 ppm
  11. Within one generation, the small approach reaches the entire population of the planet while the megachurch approach is at 330,000 ppl
- H. Now, both of these may be unrealistic, but which is cheaper? Which is easier to imagine? Which is simpler to wrap your brain around? You helping one person this year to follow Jesus who will in turn do the same thing for another person (and so on and so forth) or us planting a megachurch of 10k ppl every year?
- I. The kingdom of God is like a little bit of yeast that worked through the whole dough... the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that is the smallest seed but then grows to be a large tree... the kingdom of God starts small but grows
- J. Remember back to *2 Timothy 2:2, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*
- K. Friends, do you want to be a part of changing the world? Do you want to be a part of changing the landscape of eternity? Do you want your family to do something that matters?
1. There is no greater place to pour out your life than in helping other people to follow Jesus and then teaching them to do the same

## VII. APPLICATION

- A. A mission statement explains why you exist - to glorify God by making disciples who make disciples until the whole world hears. A vision statement explains the role you hope to play in that mission. It's what things could like in ten years.
  1. Revolve's vision locally is: "Through equipping and empowering disciples to make disciples where they live, work, learn, and play, we seek to saturate Cape May County with healthy groups of disciples."
  2. Our global vision is: "Through coaching, sending, and strategic partnerships, we hope to catalyze healthy disciple-making movements among unreached people groups (UPGs)."
- B. Your mission statement should be the same as revolve's - to glorify God by making disciples who make disciples until the whole world hears.
  1. Your vision statement will differ.
- C. Questions for you:

1. What does God expect of all believers? This is the mission.
  2. What has God given me (time, talents, treasure, abilities, etc)?
  3. What passions and loves has God placed within my heart?
  4. Where is God working and how can I join him?
  5. These questions are the vision.
- D. For families and individuals, it would be beneficial to prayerfully reflect and craft your own mission and vision statement. What do you want your life to be about?
1. Paul understood his life: However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. (Acts 20:24)
  2. Do we have the same clarity? Do I? Do you? Does your family?
- E. Although you cannot determine the future, you can walk in the right direction.
- F. This whole sermon has been about laying out what God is doing, what he desires, and dreaming about how we can join him
- G. I want to invite you to craft your own vision statement for yourself or for your family.
1. Some of you will want to share it with the church as a family dedication or personal vision statement
  2. Some of you might want to share it with your DG
- H. We want to invite you to dream for God’s glory. We believe God can and will do great things. Let’s join him in his work.
- I. If time allows, end the service praying together or at tables