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Lesson 2: Joash

I. Do Something That Challenges Others To Follow

Question: What are some needs in your community/world that either no one is doing anything about, or people aren't trying hard enough?

Question: What do you think it would take to make a difference?

*Could it be that nothing is being done because too many people like us are hoping someone else will do it?

A. Some modern teenage dreamers:

1. Alex & Brett Harris (brothers of Joshua Harris who wrote "I Kissed Dating Goodbye")
*Teenage twin brothers who had a dream to make a blog for teens to share ideas and to challenge each other to do big things. Revolution.com has had over 32 million visitors. They later went on to help with the Mike Huckabee presidential campaign at 17 years old! They wrote "Do Hard Things".

2. Zach Hunter
*Challenged his school and youth group to raise money for the hungry and save modern-day slaves. He raised over \$8,000 while in 7th grade and wrote 3 top selling books before graduating

3. Katrina Martin
*Wanted to start a revolution of teenage girls being modest. At the age of 16, she organized a survey of guys who were bothered by the way girls dressed. In the first 12 hours, she had 420,000 hits!

*mention Jason Russell (got President to send 100 troops to Uganda and got over 77 million views on Youtube for his video on Kony)

B. What 2 main things did each of these teenagers have in common?

1. They had a dream that was far too BIG for them to accomplish on their OWN
2. Instead of doing NOTHING, they inspired OTHERS to jump on board

C. Strength in NUMBERS

1. Did you know that a horse can pull 2,500 lbs alone? 2 horses can pull 12,500 lbs!
2. Big time verses: **Hebrews 10:24-25; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

II. A Biblical Example- Joash (II Chronicles 23-24)

A. After Solomon, there was a line of bad kings/leaders

*Queen Athaliah began killing off all of David's lineage to maintain the throne

*her grandson, Joash, was hidden by his aunt while the queen thought he was dead

*during this time, Joash was brought up to know the Lord

- B. At the age of 7, Joash was crowned as king
- C. God gave Joash a dream/idea (**II Chronicles 24:4**)
 - *over the years, the temple had been desecrated by idols and run down
 - *Joash was burdened by a task that was too big in itself for him to accomplish
- D. He got OTHERS to take on the task of raising money for the temple (**II Chronicles 24:5**)
 - *he didn't stop when things slowed, but teamed up with the high priest to make a change
 - II Chronicles 24:6-8**
- E. Money began to pour in and after the building was finished, there was even an excess of \$\$!
 - II Chronicles 24:9-14**

III. Practical Applications*

- A. As you recognize your gifts, passions, and dreams, PRAY for open doors and guidance
- B. Surround yourself with WISE people, especially adults (**Proverbs 13:20**)
- C. Don't forsake your FAMILY'S guidance
- D. Be willing to start SMALL. Picking up trash around the church, making sure someone has a ride to church, and always saying hi to someone new or shy is a big start!
- E. Take advantage your generation's connection with TECHNOLOGY, but balance it with face to face interactions (the web can cause interest, but personal contact causes change)
- F. Take and seek constructive CRITICISM
- G. Be willing to pass the CREDIT (oftentimes, leading means not getting the recognition)
- H. Don't QUIT every time there are hardships...negative times WILL come
- I. Remember, the end result is up to God, and it may be different than you planned

Put It Into Action:

What are some passions or gifts you have?

What are some wild and crazy ideas or goals you wish to see happen?

Who are some people that you can share these passions with?

What are you going to do about it?

Take it Home Challenge For week 2

Last week we began to dream about doing big/hard things. Now, begin to dream with others.

Find others who have the same dreams/desires to jump on board with you.

Also, meditate on I Timothy 4:12 throughout this week.