

# HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN MOMENTUM

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Motivation is about getting people started. Momentum is created AFTER something actually happens.

Momentum is not just a feeling. Momentum is a result. Results are God's job.

Acts 1:8

So often, the reason why we're frustrated is because we expect God-sized results from doing human-based activities.

Pursing Momentum vs. God's Power:

Momentum is wrapped up in what I want.

My Momentum

- Based on my skills, ability and talent
- Fueled by staying ahead of others/derailed when others are ahead of me
- Views others as competition
- Goal: Increased popularity and profit

God's Power is wrapped up in what WE need.

God's Power

- Based on what God can do
- Fueled by obedience/derailed by disobedience
- Views others as partners
- Goal: Increase God's Kingdom and serve others

Don't settle for momentum when you have access to God's power.

God's power won't settle to be used for your momentum.

**Question: How are you prioritizing prayer?**

Acts 1:14 "These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer..."

Prayer must be a priority.

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**Question: What victories can't be explained by your effort?**

Momentum: can be explained by effort God's power can only be explained by God, not your effort

This is why we can't just live life on stages and platforms, but we must do life with people. The majority of life change is seen in quiet, intimate situations.

"Ministry is getting dirty to make others clean." - Dave Earley

**Question: Who is already with you and empowered by God?**

Momentum puts priority on who can get us ahead.

Who has already witnessed God at work in this mission? Who has He put here?

Talent that doesn't care is meaningless to your mission.

Skills can be learned, but you can't teach someone to care.

Finding proof that they care should be easy!

**Question: What unifying traits + habits are non-negotiable to the mission?**

If you do not have unity, you will waste time.

The mission suffers when unity isn't considered.

The right people stay with they are challenged + cared for.

When people aren't challenged, they aren't growing. And if they're not growing, they're bored.

Care: if you don't give it, don't expect it back.

Acts 2:42-47

Knowing needs requires your awareness.

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You are not always required to solve their problem, but you are required to walk with them through it.

Where was God – where were God’s people? – John Delony

God doesn’t leave. Are God’s people going to rally?

Needs are MOST often missed when you’re too consumed with getting what you want.

Pursue what matters most.

**Question: How has the power of Christ made a noticeable difference in the way you live?**

Before Christ:

Encounter Christ:

After Christ:

Michelle's example:

*Before Christ, I was constantly striving but always empty. Then, I met Jesus, and I finally grasped that my worth wasn’t wrapped up in what I do, but in what Jesus was willing to do for me. Now, I realize surrender isn’t weakness, but where my strength really comes from, and I can be content in Christ alone.*

Am I living like I am on the other side of my testimony?

**Question: How do you disobey the world?**

We cannot obey both God and man. What rules the the world has set that you’re disobeying?

Remember: disobeying the world doesn’t have to look like defiance.

**Question: What can you not stop saying/doing?**

The mission can be just as limited by you trying to do too much as it can by you not doing anything at all.

What COULD you stop saying or doing?

If your mission could have only ONE message, what would it be?

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How can we say that one person who hasn't heard it yet?

What's another way to say the same thing? How do we get other people talking about this?

If you get mad or jealous when other people say it, then that's not what you really care about.

When you care about it, it doesn't matter who says it, just that it's being said.

What activity/activities would you do, even if there was ZERO return for you?

**Question: What are you praising God for that the world wouldn't understand?**

Not just referring to publicly, but in your private relationship/conversation with God, what are you praising Him for that would confuse the world?

Are you praising Him for how He's using another Kingdom sister... or are you silent, hoping He won't notice your jealousy?

Are you praising Him for providing for you... or are you simply asking Him for more?

Are you praising Him for how it impacted one person... or are you considering quitting because one person impacted isn't enough for you to feel important?

Are you praising Him for choosing to use someone else because you know you would be tempted to make that opportunity about you instead of Him?

Are you praising Him for putting obstacles in your way that increase your dependence on Him?

What we praise God for reveals a lot about the condition of our hearts.

How often we praise God reveals who we assign and attribute credit to.

Your personal, private relationship with God is on-going.

**Challenge:** Speed-read the book of Acts and reflect on what became possible when all circumstantial momentum was crushed, but ordinary people were obedient to a perfect, powerful God.